



Mr. Wendell Pratt

August 28, 1970 - December 21, 2020

Wendell Pratt, 50 years of age.

** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, everyone is asked to be patient and abide by the number of visitors allowed inside the funeral home. Everyone is welcomed, but we ask that you keep your visit short so that all who wish to pay their respects will be able to do so. Please note that all visitors are required to wear face masks to enter the funeral home. **

Loving son of Brandy and Bob Richter; beloved brother of Nicky(Sherry) Pratt, Jeff Pratt, Steven(Lauren) Richter, Christine (Rita) Castans; fond uncle of Justin, Ashley, Nicholas, Brittany, Gracie, Brett; cherished son like figure of Mark (Jan) Viehmann.

Family and Friends will meet Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., with a funeral service 12 Noon at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169. There will be a livestream service during the period of the visitation on the obituary, under "photos and videos".

Wendell Paul Pratt, of Olathe, Kansas, passed away December 21, 2020, at the age of 50. He graduated from the Tennessee School for the Deaf in 1990 and then went on to Freed-Hardeman University where he earned a BA in

graphic design. He was a beloved dorm counselor at the Maryland School for the Deaf for over ten years. He was also very involved with MSD's Special Olympics and served as the video producer for MSD athletic teams. Wendell was an excellent swimmer and a dedicated lifeguard. He taught swim lessons for over a decade at the Frederick YMCA.

No flowers! Please donate to Freed-Hardeman University in honor of Wendell P. Pratt Memorial Scholarship - Make A Online Donation To The Wendell P. Pratt Memorial Scholarship (<https://give.fhu.edu/givenow>)

Wendell Pratt worked as a Paraprofessional at Kansas School for the Deaf Tennessee School for the Deaf, Former Dorm Counselor at Maryland School for the Deaf, former Lifeguard/Pool Operator/Teacher Swim Lesson at YMCA Presently Worked for Sprint and drove for Uber. Graduated from Tennessee School for the Deaf in Knoxville and from Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, TN.

Wendell was a loving, caring guy. Especially when he was with the children at all the deaf schools. He believed in them & knew they would grow into loving care people, that would make a difference in the World to come.

He had faith & believe in everything they done, together. He cared & loved each & everyone of them. Wendell, also felt this way with all those he help in swimming. He took some film clips of children when he was teaching them to swim. They were so sweet to watch and so adorable. This was his world, his life & his love. It meant everything to him.

He ran in a lot of 2K & some 5K run's. His most recent was in August 2020 in Olathe, Kansas were he lived. It was the DC BATMAN VIRTUAL RUN. This was his favorite, because he loved Batman. His love for running gave him strength, feeling of life & made him strong to carry on that he could do

anything in this World.

He loved the SF 49er's & TN Vol. But he went to many football & basketball games where-ever he lived. Matter of fact all his t-shirts were of the 49er's or TN Vol. & tons of memorabilia. Oh let's not forget all his t-shirts of Batman & all that memorabilia. Wendell loved Batman, he told us so many times. He had a picture of shaped words that made up a picture of Batman it said, It's Not Who I Am Underneath But What I Do That Defines Me!

Wendell will always be greatly missed, live forever in our hearts & memories. He will never be forgotten! He was the best son, brother, uncle & friend anyone could want. Batman does live on! God Bless we love you, Wendell, WE LOVE YOU!

This Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for Family and Friends to share memories, photos and videos. For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences to the family, please click on the link above and you can leave the family a message, with the share a memory link. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card to the Family, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o The Family. We will gladly forward it on.

Cemetery Details

The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.

2550 Hassell Road
(Northeast corner at Barrington Road)
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
(847) 752-6444
ross@morizzofuneralhome.com
<http://MorizzoFuneralHome.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials
2550 Hassell Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
(847) 752-6444
ross@morizzofuneralhome.com
<https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials
2550 Hassell Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
(847) 752-6444
ross@morizzofuneralhome.com
<https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Wendell Pratt*



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 06, 2021 at 11:53 AM

PR

Sending prayer's and deepest sympathy to you Brandy and entire family. Can't believe it's been a year already and didn't know your loss was so close to Christmas. Just heartbreaking 🥹🥹🙏🙏XO

Pamela Reith - December 28, 2021 at 03:36 PM

RS

“ *Mr. Wendell was such a kind hearted teacher. In 2019, he helped teach my 4 year old daughter at the time to learn how to swim. He gave her confidence and she was very fond of him. I had a neighbor yesterday who was inquiring about swim lessons and I was going to recommend Mr. Wendell and unfortunately learned that sadly he passed away. My condolences to his family. He left a wonderful legacy. I included a picture of him and my daughter during one of his lessons. The photo was taken on January 22, 2019. RIP.*



Robert Stotts - April 23, 2025 at 05:09 AM



“ *Mr. Wendell Pratt*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *My deaf son took swim lessons from Wendell and was so excited to tell people "my teacher is deaf, just like me!" My sincerest condolences to the family. -Jessica Garrison*

Jessica Garrison - March 08, 2021 at 09:45 AM



*Thank you, Jessica! That's so sweet of your son. It touches my heart! God bless!
Wendell's Mom! ❤️🙏*

Brandy Richter - April 13, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *Rest In Peace... Love ya, bro. Til we meet again at the other side.*

Joe



Joe Mason - March 08, 2021 at 08:38 AM

KW

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Kim Wedel - March 04, 2021 at 08:32 PM

KW

We dearly miss him!!! He is very nice, supportive, sense of humor and caring person that we ever met!!! He made us laugh & positive vibe!!! We will never forget him!!! Also he sent me bible verse every night never miss! Hugs💙👉👉🙏

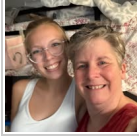
Kim Wedel - March 04, 2021 at 08:38 PM

ME

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



MelissaLeitheiser - March 04, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



April Haggard - March 03, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ 1195 files added to the album *Wendell's Life*



Brandy Richter - March 03, 2021 at 12:19 PM



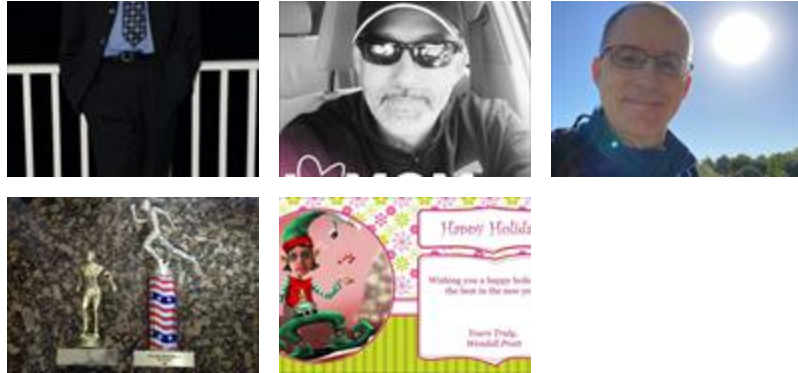
“ 1 file added to the album *Wendell's Life*



Brandy Richter - March 01, 2021 at 11:39 PM

BR

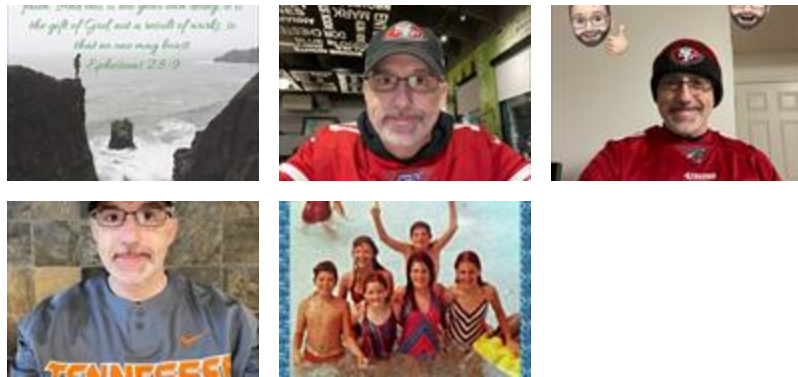
“ 44 files added to the album Memories Album



Brandy Richter - March 01, 2021 at 04:35 PM

BR

“ 11 files added to the album Wendell's Life



Brandy Richter - March 01, 2021 at 03:04 PM