



Eric Schlachta

November 30, 1964 - December 30, 2009

Eric Paul Schlachta, 45, of Phoenixville, PA, died on Wednesday, December 30, 2009, in the Phoenixville Hospital. He was the beloved son of Mary Louise (nee Cronin) of Phoenixville and the late Captain Frank J. Schlachta, US Army Retired. A native of the town, Eric was a graduate of Phoenixville Area High School, Class of 1983. He also attended Montgomery County Community College and West Chester University. As a young boy, he played baseball in the Kimberton Youth Athletic League and was on the soccer team at the Valley Forge Christian Academy. He delved into the world of magic at a young age also, spending many hours reading about men like Houdini and their accomplishments. His mother, Mary Lou, drove him to many magic shows, seminars, and workshops where he fine-tuned his skills as a performer under the tutelage of the Masters. His first show was at the Baptist Church of Phoenixville at a Mother/Daughter Banquet. He later expanded his act to include juggling. During his busy career, Eric always took time out to give back to his Church. Eric was an instrumental figure in S'MORE, The Family Productions' Ministry at the Church. Eric played the part of "Vinny," and was a beloved regular. He touched the lives of hundreds of children and their parents through this Ministry. Eric was not only a gifted magician, he was an astute business man and master marketer. Eric was so admired and respected in the business world, that other magicians and entrepreneurs from many different industries subscribed to his multiple newsletters and bought CD's, DVD's, and books produced by Eric. Eric is also credited for being one

of the area's premier experts on internet marketing. In addition to his mother, Eric is survived by his former wife Suzan (Norris) Schlachta, his precious children, Jocelyn Alysse, Jordan Grace, Sydney Hayden, and Harrison Joseph Schlachta, his dear step-daughter, Nika Norris. He was the dear uncle of David B. Pritts (Angel), Wrightsville, PA, Alicia M. Schlachta, of Columbia, SC, Brent D. Pritts, of Lancaster, PA, and Samantha L. Schlachta, of Mont Clare, PA, and six great nieces and nephews. He was also survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. In addition to his father, Eric was predeceased by his sister, Joanna L. Pritts, and his brother Frank E. Schlachta. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service at the Fairview Village Church of the Nazarene, 3044 W. Germantown Pike, Eagleville, PA, on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. Officiating will be the Rev. David Bennett. Interment will follow in the Limerick Garden of Memories. Friends will be received from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Monday evening at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville and from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Tuesday at the Church. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Sydney Schlachta sent a virtual gift in memory of Eric Schlachta*



Sydney Schlachta - May 15, 2017 at 10:38 AM

CS

“ *My prayers are with the family. It is never enough time to have someone we love and cherish in our lives. Once they have left us the time passed seems so short of a period. Please take some comfort from the scriptures to realize that it is not God's purpose for us to live a short while and die. His purpose was for us to live forever on a Paradise earth. Friend! 1 Cor. 3:9 enemy death going away Rev 21:4 Death no more Matt 6:9,10 Kingdom on earth as in heaven to bring changes for all mankind, government by God and ruled by his Son, Jesus Christ*

C. Smith - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

RR

“ *Dear Mary Lou, It's been a long time since Eric was in Laura Hunsicker's kindergarten SS class, which I helped with. I am so sorry for your loss. It is a blessing to know that we will meet each other again - in a far better place. Cecil and I are serving as missionaries in Slovakia but will return to the US for good in Feb. When we visit Phoenixville, we hope to see you. In the meantime, you're in our thoughts and prayers. Ruth*

Ruth Sharpless McKinney - ruthmck@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

FM

“ Paul performed at our Library 2 years ago. He was our favorite magician. We are all so sad to hear of his passing. We will miss this talented and generous man. The staff from FLS Wyndmoor, pa

Free library of Springfield township - mkiessling@mclinc.org - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JJ

“ Eric was a great man and brought many smiles to our group. He will be missed. I'll catch him later. Bet he will have a new bag of tricks to share.

James Munson - jamesbmunson@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JH

“ Eric, eventhough I had just met you and just watched my first and your last Smore performance the day that you left SMORE even just that one day you touched me and made a change in my life that day. You never knew it though. You made me see things withing my own life journey a bit different than I was used to. Thank you for shining some light in when and where I needed it most. Even the sick can still make a BIG difference and to you I thank you. I would have loved the oppertunity to know more about you and talk with you, however maybe I was just that last life you needed to make difference for before your final travel was over. God had it in your plans for me to meet you even if not ever to be able to build on a relationship with you. I had wanted to attend your services also however I had no knowledge of the date and times then once I had learned it was not the right time. For I learned only because I was sitting in the funeral home myself with my family planning my very own mother's (Christine Palmer) services. I was very saddened to hear that Fairview had lost such a great man whom I hadn't really even had the oppertunity to know as I had wished, then to be sitting in the funeral home and an elderly gentleman shows up lost looking for the service for Eric...and was lost told that it was not there I knew right away it was you but to be sure I asked Damien... it kinda felt as if I was still able to be there celebrating your life and your moving forward with you eventhough I really was not able to be. You will always be loved and missed but you are in a better place sitting at his right hand in eternal life with him. I was glad to maybe be that last life that you changed and glad to have that oppertunity of getting to know you, share your last performance in Smore and see you as a man of God. He had great plans and challenges and miracles in your life. I am glad to have known you for even just one day. Thank you Eric. Sincerely, Jen Palmer

Jennifer Palmer - HevnSwtAngel@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TS

“ We are so sorry to learn of your loss. Magic, that was how we all knew Eric. Whenever I saw Eric, I thought "magic". Not a bad association. Who doesn't love magic. He will be missed and remembered fondly. Please keep swimming, there's no better way to stay strong and connected and supported and that's what Eric would have wanted, I'm sure. Much love, Fellow Y swimmers: Ned, Matt, Anna, and Amy Willig and Sally and Hugh

The Willig Family - sawillig@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

VJ

“ Hi Mary Lou...I am so deeply grieved to hear of Eric's passing. Even though we know he is in the loving arms of God, the loss on earth is heartbreaking. I have such fond memories of Eric and honored to say I was there to see Eric 'first' performance as an illusionist. I remember him doing some magic at the Epicurean one night as he served my dinner table. God bless you with His comfort and solace as only He can provide. Love, Vicki

Vicki (Fulmer) Ruser - jvruser@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

KK

“ To the girls and Harrison, Kel and I send hugs and prayers to you. Love Mrs. "K" and Kelly

kris and kelly kronmuller - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

PC

“ I only knew Eric for only a little more than a year through the magic mastermind group. In that short time he made such a HUGE impression on me. He lived life to it's fullest, and touched everyone that he knew. I would like to share something I heard from someone that describes Eric to me. There are two sets of numbers on a grave. The first is when he came, the second is when he left. Those are not important. What was important was the little dash in between the numbers. It doesn't matter what things you have, the clothes, the cars, the cash. What matters most is how you live and love, and how you spend your dash. I know that Eric spent his dash to the fullest. Rest in peace, you will be greatly missed Paul Dalholt aka Presto Paul

Paul Dalholt - captpaul05@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TT

“ I'm overwhelmed with inspiration from Eric's life and I will selfishly miss him terribly. I can only imagine what his family is going through and I offer them my most sincere condolences. He was too good for us so God had to take him to a place where he would better fit in...among angels. His work in my life will never be forgotten and his spirit will always be the model I think of when I want to know how to live "right".

Tim David - tim@mindblowingspeaker.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TL

“ I had the pleasure of working with Eric at Century 21. He always had a smile on his face and was very helpful to me as a new realtor. May you rest in peace Eric. To his family, You are all in my prayers!

Tamika Lear - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

DP

“ I ran in to Eric at the Giant in Phoenixville a couple days before Christmas. He looked pretty good and it was great to see his smile and the light in his eyes.... We chatted about restaurants and real estate and I gave him a big hug and told him I think about him all the time. No one can bring a light into the room the way Eric did. I'll always remember a rotary lunch meeting at the ep when he put the lit cigarette out in my blue blazer..He always reminded me that the look on my face was priceless. Eric you will never be forgotten!!

Dan Phillips - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

PC

“ For many years, Eric has performed for hundreds and hundreds of children and staff in the program. He was very well-liked as an entertainer and a member of our YMCA family. We will miss him dearly. Our thoughts go out to his family.

Phoenixville YMCA Child Care - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

GA

“ I was greived by Eric's passing. although our aquiantance was very sparce,his vivacious personality will always be remembered. I want to extend my condolences,and will be praying for comfort during this time (cbmc member). Sadden by your loss, George and Janice Perez

george perez - amagp@msn.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

AA

“ The oldest friendships never die, they just pick up in a different place. See you there. Amy (Elliott) Sandberg

Amy Sandberg - amy@sandbergshardwood.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

ME

“ Good bye Eric Paul- See you in Heaven. -Mike Epps

Mike - eppsteacher@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with this extraordinary family - Suzan, Nika, Jocelyn, Jordan, Sydney and Harrison - along with Eric's mom. We are so grateful that you are all in our lives and we cherish the times we get to have with you...just as you cherish the times you've had with your Dad. Peace be with you now during these days of adjustment.

The Meyer Family - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TK

“ Although we have only know Eric a short time through FVCN, he has made a wonderful impact on our family. What a charasmatic and entertaining man! A total joy to be around. His energy was contageous. The Lord has prepared a very special place in heaven for Eric. "Goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." Our prayers and condolences to his family and children.

The Pratt Family - katprat@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

RH

“ Eric was an inspiration and while I only knew him for a short time, his spirit will live in me forever.

Rob Hysten - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

DD

“ I knew Eric for a much shorter time than most of you would have. When I worked at Fairview, I would have the opportunity to speak with him on occasion, and I grew to like him. He was what others might call "good people" but the label I have long chosen for him, was "friend". I don't know if the feeling was mutual -- he certainly seemed to like me, and had nicknamed me "Flash" -- but I hope it was. I remember he was always cheerful, always friendly. I got through to him once, when he was in the hospital, some time before christmas. I wanted to get through again, but the line was always busy. I guessed I'd gotten my chance and it was other people's turns. I will remember Eric as a friend...

Dash Barlow - dashbarlow@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

RG

“ Dear MaryLou, Susan and His Dear Children, Please know that our hearts share in your great loss. We knew Eric since he was a little boy and watched him grow into the Wonderful Man he became. I will always remember his vivacious smile and his intensity for living. You all will be in our prayers. Lovingly, Richard and Susan

Richard and Susan Grear - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

DB

“ I'm still at a loss as I am sure we all are. I am grateful that I looked Eric up a year or so ago and got one last chance to talk to him. I wish I could talk to him now to let him know he is a part of me.

diane - bansidhe@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

CG

“ Dear Schlachta Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. Carol Grubb

Carol Grubb - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

SS

“ Eric was a great man and I learned so much from him about life and buisness. Eric will be missed very much. Thanks to his family for allowing him to give so much to others. Love you Eric Paul. You will be missed so much my friend. Sukuma Avery

Sukuma Avery - sukumaavery@hotmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

RR

“ Won't Someone Stop the World? Someone stop this spinning world,
For angels sing today. They sing for he who was my friend, Though
now has passed away. Yet all around the world spins on, No
melodies resound— Does no one know or understand, The joy he
spread around? Just listen to the whis'pring trees, As wintry breezes
blow; The falling flakes and drifted fields, Are even led to know: That
someone ought to stop the world, If only for awhile. To pause in
brief remembrance, To call upon his smile. They need to thank our
God above, For such a wondrous gift, As having shared a time and
space, With a man as such as this. Yet no one hears the blustery
wind, And still the world spins 'round; And angel voices go unheard,
As though without a sound. And so I plead with everyone, For he,
who was my friend; Remember him, and all he shared, And thank
God now and then ... -30- - © 1993 R. Snedden

Randy Snedden - rsnedden@closeupmagic.org - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

GZ

“ the stories i have heard about eric have touched me. the strength
and hope in our Lord that he exhibited throughout his illness are
such a testimony...to so many people. the Lord will continue to use
his life...to reach people for Him. i am so grieved for his children and
his family. suzan, i am so sorry for the loss of eric in your life and in
your children's lives. we are praying for you all.

georgeanne smisko zvodar - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JG

“ *What a long strange trip its been. Eric, like a true Magician, appeared and dissapeared many times in my life. I first met him when he was friends with my Brother Tom in Elementary School. In high School, he and I hung out some and had a good time. I saw him a lot when he lived in Philly, and again he surprised ,me when he was living with my brother Dave, Daryl, Mike, and Diane at Indian King. We partied a lot together over the years and then in more recent years shared some recovery. I would see him in P-Ville on first Fridays in the summer. Eric was a great guy and will be greatly missed. My thoughts an prayers are with his family.*

John Goggin - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

MM

“ *I remember Eric well from the PAHS days, but have not been in touch in so many years. What a great person. What a great loss. I remember well his great smile, amazing tricks, and the happiness and enthusiam he brought to everything. Thinking of him brought back many a smile. My thoughts are with his family during this difficult time of loss. I wish I had run into him one last time. I am remembering you very fondly, Eric. Marcia*

Marcia (Shoemaker) - marciasamuelson@msn.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JF

“ We first saw Eric perform at the Magic Jungle in Collegeville. He had a style all his own. When we started attending certain events at FVCN several years back we saw Eric performing at many of these, Easter shows etc. When we started attending FVCN as our home church we saw even more of Eric. It was then that I began to see that Eric was a master among masters at his craft. I always appreciated people that are really good at what they do, Eric exceeded all others I ever saw perform in the field; he was a comic and a master magician. Eric had a knack for pulling a person in and letting them forget the world was as it is for a short time, no matter their age. When I watched Eric perform he created an atmosphere as if I was an eight year old again at a Saturday morning show, without a care in the world. I thank you for that Eric. No one else can come close to making me feel that way. We love you and there is a huge hole in the body of Christ with your temporary physical absence. Jerry Ottaviano and Family

Jerry Ottaviano and Family - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

LL

“ I am sorry for your loss. Eric was a great guy and brought much happiness, laughter and love to many people. Linda

Linda Deegan - ladeegan@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

KH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Eric's passing. I have been blessed to know the family through my work at Barkley school. It was also a pleasure to watch Eric interact with his children on the way to and from school when I was a crossing guard last year. He will be missed.

Kathy Hayde - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

LL

“ I am very sorry for your loss of wonderful person. Eric had performed at our school 4 times and the kids and staff enjoyed him very much. In talking with him, we shared a common interest in music. I recall Eric telling me a story of meeting Brian Setzer when (I believe) he was a bartender. Interesting the light things you remember from just a few meetings. he was very funny. Larry Brown
Jeffersonville Country Day School

Larry Brown - larry@jeffersonvillecds.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TT

“ Eric was truly a master in all he did, esp for our S'mores ministry for our children at Fairview. I was touched and inspired for the passion he put into every show and dedicated his time to grow the ministry. He accomplished this in many ways and certainly has done well in passing on his legacy to his children and our children at Fairview. Well done faithful servant!!! My prayers are with those who are left with your memories and I can only imagine you gazing upon our Saviour Jesus. We at S'mores will continue reaching families for Christ. Eric will be missed in so many ways but the joy is in knowing him and seeing the joy on the childrens faces as he performed.

Tracie Hall - tphall09@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

RW

“ While I never met Eric in person, he impacted my ministry immensely and has aided in our opportunities to share the gospel through magic throughout the Midwest. I have several friends who were a part of Eric's Mastermind Alliance Group. He will be sorely missed - please accept our condolences... and I for one am looking forward to when God calls me home - where I know I'll meet Eric in person for the first time. -David and Gayle Williamson
WilliamsonProductions.com

Rev David T Williamson - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JJ

“ Eric and I worked together on several projects aimed at helping other magicians live their dreams. I spoke at one of his events and he spoke at one of mine. Eric was funny, charming, brilliant, compassionate, dedicated to his craft, dedicated to helping others, and a dear brother in the Lord. Thank you dear Jesus for bringing Eric into my life and for all he gave to everyone he knew during his time with us. --Jack

Jack Turk - jackturk@hotmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JJ

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Schlachta family. Growing up in Bevan's Orchard, I knew Eric but did not know of his love of magic until I received a mailing years ago at work. I booked Eric and his show was amazing. I later saw him perform at Terre Hill Days. The world has lost a talented man, who will be sharing it with others in Heaven.

Joanne Stecz Milasus - jmmilasus@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

LM

“ To Eric's family: As the President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians in Washington DC I want to let you know that Eric made a huge impact in the lives of magicians everywhere. His leadership and encouragement helped build our community of magicians in so many ways. Personally, Eric has influenced my business as a magician in big ways. His Super Conference was the highlight of my professional career for the last two years. I had many opportunities to talk with him and was blessed through our conversations. As a Christian I can only hope to achieve the dignity and loyalty to our Father that Eric has.

Louis Meyer - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

MR

“ My deepest and most sincere sympathy go out to Eric's friends and family, especially his beloved children. I met Eric a few years ago at a magic club lecture in Albany, NY and later again at a Dave Dee Marketing Seminar. I purchased his system and attribute much of my performing success to Eric and his ideas. The few times I was able to speak to Eric on the phone he was always like an old friend, remembering our previous discussions and asking relevant questions about my act. I followed Eric and his struggle against this terrible cancer for some time on facebook and through the other online magic/marketing forums. Although we only met a few times, I feel like Eric was a mentor and friend. I pray for his family, friends, and loved ones; that they realize his legacy and the important positive changes he was able to share with others. May he find peace in the knowledge that his legacy will live in the minds and hearts of his children. May they know that he has made a difference that goes far beyond the limits of his immediate family and friends. That his input and example will live on forever. God bless you all. God bless Eric, and thank you for your contribution to the magic and marketing world. You will never be forgotten!

Matt Reynolds - reynol820@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

AM

“ Eric, Thank You for everything you've have done for me - you will always be remembered with great love - May you rest in peace and help guide us and your children from above

Al (Allo) Moessinger - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

LT

“ Dear Schlachta Family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I will forever remember the times that I had the opportunity to be in the presence of Mr. Schlachta. I admired how he could light up the room from the moment he walked in. Kids from all corners of the room would run to him, curious to see what new magic trick he would show them. Then they would beg him to tell his secret. He would always reply with, "A magician never tells." And...I would just smile. I feel fortunate to have meet and known Mr. Schlachta and will always remember him for his gleaming personality. May your memories bring you peace and comfort. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. God bless!Miss Lauren Dooley

Lauren Dooley, Barkley Teacher - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

LY

“ I am offering my deepest sympathy to Eric's beloved children, family and many many friends. I did not know him well, but back in the day when we would roll with the same group of friends he was always such a magnetic, fun personalitiy. I am happy to say I last saw him in April of this year and he did a quick magic trick for my 4 yr old son, we hugged, spoke of some old friends and went our separate ways. It saddens me that I will never have another chance meeting with him again but I am comforted to know that he is at peace and has so many people who loved him.

Lynn - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JI

“ Eric - you will be missed. My sympathy to your family.

Jim - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

“ Dear Suzan, Jocelyn, Jordan, Sydney, and Harrison, and Nika, Eric will be missed, because he was loved by so many. I met Eric in person first at a magician’s event back in the 1990s, and then later on again at live events he ran in 2008 and 2009. I went out of my way to spend time with him and learn from him. I was also in contact with him throughout 2004 through 2009, and was active in his magic marketing mastermind group, and in contact with him by teleseminar, phone, discussion forums, and email. I owned several of his information products and was helped by those, too. I didn’t know his family, only Eric. I met his kids once. I knew that he loved God, he loved his kids, he loved his church, and he loved magic. He loved helping others live up to their potential, through marketing products and live events. He was very passionate and hard working. I was very happy about how many people rallied to encourage him over his last few days, through phone calls, visits, emails, and posts on Facebook. I cared for Eric greatly, and really appreciated who he was and how he helped others (and helped me). Unfortunately, I can’t go to the funeral (I live on the west coast of Canada -- far away from Philadelphia). I was in Philly in November for Eric’s live training event, so I did get to see him not too long ago. I am hoping that lots of his friends and performers will show up to remember him. One of my favorite memories of Eric, is when he was doing live training events, and showing slides, and all of a sudden, a slide of his kids would show up in among all of the marketing / business slides. He’d say, “Hey! How’d that get in there?” to smiles and laughter. This showed a playful side of Eric, and also showed that he that he had a great “WHY” for doing his business. He cared for his kids and lived to spend time with them. He never missed an opportunity to be genuine and to reveal his love for his kids. He also would tell members of his magic mastermind community about his involvement in his church and S’More. He was not ashamed to share his faith. I have a great quote that reminds me of Eric: “To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children...to leave the world a better place...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson That described Eric to

*me. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you. Sincerely,
Donald Dunphy.*

Donald Dunphy - Victoria, BC, Canada - professionalmagic@hotmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TB

“ *It's been said, that the mediocre teacher tells, the good teacher explains, the superior teacher demonstrates, and the great teacher inspires. Not only did Eric do them all, he did them well. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Tom Boleware - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

BM

“ *Eric, you have had a profound impact on both my professional career and my personal life. I treasure the time we spent together only a few short weeks ago in Philadelphia. I am so glad that you allowed us an opportunity to share with you your final voyage. To your family and children I offer my sincere condolences, and I know the wonderful memories you have created for them, will rest with them forever. Your "buddy" Blair*

Blair Marshall - Montreal, Canada - magic@qc.aibn.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

EW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Eric was much loved by our grandchildren who attended SMORE's regularly. We thank God for his ministry to our grandchildren and praise the Lord that Eric is now enjoying the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ! With love, we pray for your comfort and peace.*

Ed and Mandy Wtulich - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

BS

“ Dear Mary Lou, So very sorry for your loss. One of my favorite memories of Eric, I will never forget was the day we were out on the boat and he caught (hooked) his sister's ear, everybody panicked! I think of it every time I am fishing; which, is good for those around me. I never did catch his act in person, I have reviewed some on the internet. What a guy! You have been in my prayers - hope to talk with you soon. Love, Bob

Bob Schlachta Sr. - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

PP

“ PAHS class of 1983 lost its favorite magician. My deepest sympathy to his entire family. We graduated together! He was an inspiration to all that new him even back then. Take this time to reflect on all the memories to get you through this most difficult time.

PenniEggelingBogda - pennibogda1@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

MM

“ Dear Eric, greatly loved and greatly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

Marge Reher - mmreher@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

AE

“ judy & i were neighbors to Eric and his family, for 35 yrs. he was one of the NICEST Christian men I know of. always helpful, friendly. treated everyone the same. you could NEVER tell how he did his magic tricks, even up close. my heart goes out to ALL the families, and friends of Eric. he packed A LOT OF LIVING, in his 45 yrs. I bet he's entertaining thousands of people with his magic!

art mauger - edwinmauger@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

HD

“ *Mary Louise--I am soooo very sorry to learn of Eric's passing and oh my gosh, at such an early age. My heart really aches for you. Hang in there. I (and my family always liked him). I have fond memories of him and the magical tricks he performed for our family. May God Bless you.*

Helena Deegan - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

CG

“ *I would like to offer my deep sympathy to Eric's family and most especially, his children. I was so impressed with the way Eric handled his illness -- with dignity, humor, and without a trace of self-pity. He was a wonderful role model and his children can be very proud to have had such a fine person as their father.*

Chris Giblin - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

DE

“ *Eric's loss will be greatly missed by all that knew him. He was always an up beat, pleasant, and funny person. The local entertainment industry will miss all that he had to offer as he made thousands of children & adults smile with his magic, humor, sincerity, and dedication. My sympathy goes out to his family and friends during this difficult time. May he now live in a better place called Heaven, and look down upon those he knew and loved with that huge smile and sense of comfort that we so much enjoyed from him. God Bless!*

Debi K., Entertaining ConXections - entertainingconx@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

RG

“ I worked with Eric at the FVCN office. He has been an inspiration to me especially throughout his illness with his positive attitude and love of the Lord. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this time.

Regina Greer - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

DM

“ To Eric's family, I am sorry for the loss of your loved one. Eric Schlachta was an inspiration in our church and will be missed. You are in my prayers.

Darren Machak - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TP

“ We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Eric. Our hearts go out to his children and family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this very sad time.

The Prichett Family - prettybaby2@mac.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

GT

“ Dear Jocelyn, Jordan, Sydney, Harrison and Nika, I am so sorry to learn of your father's passing. May you find joy in remembering all of the wonderful things that made Dad the terrific father he was to all of you. My thoughts and prayers are with your Dad, you and your family and will continue to be in the weeks and months ahead. God Bless!

Gail Pierce, Barkley Teacher - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

AF

“ Words cannot express of how much Eric will be missed. He was an inspiration to all who knew him young and old. My 3 year old saw his show during the dogwood. My son was crying and crying but I pointed out the show to him instantly he stoped and just stared and then started to laugh. he watched the whole show.!! This is just one way he touched so many people. I will never forget what an entertaining person he was!!! RIP and be with our lord in heaven! My condolances to his entire family. May God help you heal through this awful time.

a friend - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

PA

“ I first met Eric in 1987 when I became the chef/owner of General Warren Inne and Eric was a waiter there. We became immediate friends due to our fondness of the Grateful Dead, our quick wit and type "A" personalities. Eric use to do card tricks for restaurant customers and I watched him move to magic full time and into his many successful entrepreneurial projects over the decades. Eric was the featured talent of many staff holiday parties and at my daughter's 5th birthday party. His enthusiasm, quick wit and infectious personality will be missed by us all. May his family and friends be comforted by all the positive energy he gave so generously to all those who had the honor of knowing him.

Patrick - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JL

“ Mary Lou, So sorry to hear about Eric's death. I am sure he is still doing his magic with all his loved ones. I know how hard it is to lose someone dear to you, but I am sure it is so much harder to lose a child. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Janet Lahr

Janet Lahr - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

BB

“ My condolences. Eric was one of my favorite coworkers from Stouffer's in Valley Forge in the mid-'80s. He consistently cracked me up, and I love him for that. Rest in peace, my friend.

Bunk Hess - bunkhess@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

MM

“ Mary Lou we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We have so many great memories of Eric - from high school to the show he did at one of Olivia's very first birthdays. Our entire family is thinking of you and fondly remembering Eric.

Maureen (Lyng) McQuiggan - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JJ

“ Mrs. Schlachta and family, I am so sorry to hear of Eric's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you family. Although I haven't seen Eric for a while, I do remember babysitting him back in the day. You were such great neighbors. God Bless you all!

Judy Tomko Dowdalls - Jdowdalls@msn.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

ED

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, what a legacy he left for his children and many others as he touched their lives. He was a "magical" man.

Ed and Pat DeHorse - dehorse2@comcast.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TW

“ The world has a lost a great man and a true entertainer. I have known Eric since 10th grade and I have many, many great memories of the times we spent together. Although we lost touch over the years, I have had a picture from the Phila. Folk Festival of Eric and some of the old crew on my bookshelf for many years and I would often think of Eric and wonder how he was doing. My thoughts and prayers go to you and your family. I miss ya buddy!!
Tom Walker

Tom and Sarah Walker - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JH

“ On behalf of the members of IBM Ring #6, the Delaware Valley Conjurers Club, deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to Eric's family. He was a positive force in the magical community, and his memory will endure in the hearts and minds of those he influenced. May he rest in peace knowing he brought some real magic into many lives.

J. Hunter Gaul - HGaul@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

KS

“ Eric Paul was always a favorite visitor to the Episcopal Day School in Paoli. Both children and adults enjoyed his happy, kind magic. My condolences go to all his family, especially his children who he clearly adored. May Eric Paul rest in peace eternal.

Kathleen Seaton - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TT

“ I have know Eric for many years. I will miss him dearly, I enjoyed the times we worked together during Dogwood. My thoughts are with his family. The world has lost a great person.

T. Mark Fink - TMarkFink@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TE

“ Eric entertained my children at many a function and was always so good with kids. He will truly be missed. My sympathy goes out to his family and children. Blessings.

Terri - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

EC

“ While we rejoice for Eric and the JOY he now is experiencing free from pain and walking with his Savior, our heart mourns with the family left behind. Our prayers are with you. ??????????????. ??????!

Eberz In China - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JA

“ I only known Eric for over a year. I was Blessed, Influence, Taught and touch by is character. He was a Star in God's kingdom because Souls for the Kingdom was important to him. His life was a comet that streak across heaven to reach and touch a life for Christ. Because Christ influenced his life, He wanted to influence others. I will miss Him so much. His life has affected mine...And I am inspired to affect others. The Magic of Gods love has reached and touched us in so many ways...And Eric was one of those magic ways that God used.

James Armstrong - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TM

“ While I never met Eric personally, I did talk him on the phone once and through email several times. He was a very kind and compassionate person. He certainly left his mark on the magic community and will be greatly missed by so many. The family is in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. May they find comfort in knowing that he is God's care now. Although life will never be quite the same, time does help to heal. God bless!

Todd McKinney - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

PB

“ Our deepest sympathy to Suzan, Jocelyn, Jordan, Sydney, Harrison, Nika, Eric's Mom as well as the extended family. We are so sorry for your loss and pray that the Lord will comfort and sustain you in the days that lie ahead. We want to thank Eric for leaving a wonderful legacy and testimony!

Paul and Michelle Brandt - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

SU

“ Home Free...with his ultimate healing, Eric is Home free!

Sue Eberz - usesue4cm@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

CC

“ Mary Lou & Family... Our condolences to all. Although we never really met - it appears that Eric was an inspiration to so many people in his life. We can only aspire to touch as many hearts as he did with his magic and gifts. I've shared his website with the girls and it's very touching. Take care and God Bless. Cindy

Cindy, Ric, Kaitlyn & Jodie Miller - cindy.miller@mindspring.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

MS

“ Our hearts go out to the Schlachta children. They will miss their daddy very much. We hope that as they heal from his passing, they will remember and cherish the time that they had with him. "All is well, all is well, angels in heaven rejoice!" Love, The Stephens Family

Martha and Scott Stephens - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

SF

“ We thoroughly enjoyed Eric at FVCN and especially at S'Mores. The kids loved him and so did we. We're very sad to hear the news, and will miss him greatly. We hope and pray he is in a better place.

Siegler Family - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

RY

“ I met Eric when he was in 7th grade at Valley Forge Christian Academy. What a creative, gifted individual! He was always the top candidate for the leads in the musicals we did there, and brought life to whatever character he played! When he started producing S'mores Theater for the children at Fairview Village Church, I told him how glad I was that he was giving his gifts to the Lord in those ways. He will never be forgotten. I praise God for his life. My deep sympathy and prayers go to his surviving family, and especially to his children.

Renee Yerger - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

KK

“ May you be forever in the arms of the Lord! I pray for your family and children that they may find peace in your passing. You were an inspiration to children and adults in the church!

Kelly and Damien Rotondo and Family - klywoman@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

BF

“ Few people make such a lasting impression on the lives of so many. Eric had a God-given gift for this, and I know those that he touched will never forget him.

Becky Fritz - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JJ

“ Eric knew how to embrace life and his passion for magic was an inspiration. I will miss "Vinny" at Fairview Village Church but I rejoice that he is now home with our Father.

Jennifer Cardy - jennifercardy@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

BA

“ Over the countless discussions and conversations Eric and I have had over the years concerning the good things and the challenges/adversities in our lives, one constant which he never waived on was his Faith and embracing of God's Spirit. It was and still is contagious and all I can say is thank you for being a part of my life. May I continue the seed you planted in me.

Brad Hanford - aotavac@aol.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

DM

“ Eric had a gift for making a lasting impression. I met Eric when I was his school bus driver, a story that we often repeated, because we realized our connection when I was interviewing him for a job. Well, from there on, I was fortunate to have Eric touch my life with countless memories as we became roommates and worked together in two different restaurants. Two years ago, my kids met you at the Warren Christmas party and they still have the cards from your magic tricks although they only met that night, you made an impression on them that will last a lifetime. Your magic was gift but your true magic was your personality.

Darryl (Clutch) - mccauley93@hotmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

MP

“ I am sad at the passing of Eric but also rejoicing that he is home with his heavenly father and free from the pain. Eric was a true giver, friend, mentor and coach to me. My prayers and heartfelt condolences are with you as a family. May God surround you with His everlasting love, peace and grace. Mike Prestby - Mason City, Iowa

Mike Prestby - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM

CN

“ I was in Eric's class in high school and so many of us were struck by Eric's passion for magic, how he knew at that age exactly what he wanted to do and how he went for it. He even convinced the geometry teacher in 10th grade to allow him to perform for us during classtime. -- even though he wasn't in that actual geometry class with us. I was so sorry to hear of Eric's passing. He and all of his family and friends are in my thought and prayers.

Christine Crowley Nylund - July 19, 2013 at 08:37 AM