

Matthew Christopher Weed

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We are so sorry to hear about Dr. Weed's passing.

- Wendy Wixom

Lamento lo sucedido, deseo y pido paz y consuelo, a la familia.

- Odeth Ramírez

Mi amigo, mi compañero, un hasta pronto, gracias por todo

- Elder Bonilla panama

This has made me so sad to hear about Matt. I knew Matt in high school and after and he was one of the kindest and smartest people I've ever known. He will not be forgotten by any of us that knew him.

- Mike Nelson

When We Love a Pesrson with all our hearts ■, and that person isn't physically anymore with us, it's very painful but you're not alone, You have people's that also Love You with all their heart ♥, My the Lord be with You always and give You the consolation that You need it!

- Federico Nina (Elders Quorum President of Swainsboro Georgia)

It is hard to write this. Even as an oncologist who confronts death and dying routinely with my patients and their families, I am struggling to come to terms with the reality of the shocking, sudden absence of Matt Weed. But his impact has been profound on the many people around him, and it is an honor to write a few memories. I was fortunate to meet Matt just before we started medical school together in San Diego. Brian Pugmire, Sean Hickey,

Matt, and I became fast friends. The four of us made a habit of sitting together on the right-hand side of the lecture halls at UC San Diego every day for 4-8 hours throughout the two class-based years of the curriculum. We studied together, and we talked about our interests and lives and plans. Matt, Brian, and I (and our wives and kids) lived near each other in a wonderful community of student families. We formed an anatomy study group and spent hours dissecting and learning the minutiae of how human bodies are put together (and no one could have been more excited about every tiny muscle and tendon in the hand than Matt!). I got to know them very well. Matt was the happiest and friendliest guy. Medical school at a top research school is extremely competitive and stressful. Matt strove for excellence and achieved it. My time as an MD and PhD student and then medical school professor/scientist has put me around some of the brightest academic minds in the world. Matt can hang with the best of them. He was a brilliant student and then physician. Combine that with his love and compassion for literally everyone around him, and you have an unstoppable force for good. As smart as he was (and therefore often outshining many around him), I believe he was the single most well-liked person in our medical school class. He was just genuinely kind, friendly, and enthusiastic with everyone around him. Matt was deeply passionate about so many things it boggles the mind. I mentioned hand muscles above. That was only the beginning—molecular biology, physiology, and, of course, ophthalmology, to name a few. But there was also Bit-O-Honey (I haven't seen one in the past 20 years without thinking of Matt). And Matt was a more passionate Boston Red Sox fan than any of my Bostonian friends (don't hate me, Boston people! It's a fact). If he found time to play frisbee golf at lunch or on a weekend, he was smiling broadly and talking about it when we got back to class. He loved to go down to the beach and study on the sand so he could be near the ocean. And that was when he wasn't body surfing, which he also loved passionately. Those passions, though, seemed faint compared to how he spoke of his family. His parents, his sisters, his dear wife. And when Malerie gave birth to their first child, he apparently found cloud 9 and rarely came down. I understand people say this about kind friends and acquaintances all the time. I mean it, though, that the happiness Matt had as a father was striking and remarkable. Of all the things I remember about my friend, that one made the deepest impression. Some friends leave you better than you were when you met them. I feel lucky to be one of the hundreds who can say that about Matt Weed.

- Tyler Seibert

We are sorry for your family's loss-Matt was always thoughtful and loving to our family, and his warmth and kindness will be sorely missed by all.

- Mario & Laura Ramos

Love Matt Weed went to elementary with him jr high high school. Great basketball player. A year younger than me but a stalwart fellow

- Bubba Watson White Glove member

It is sad to hear that you are gone because to me you were a living angel on earth. I send my love and support to the family and I pray for many blessings to come your way. We will miss you Bishop Bates■■■

- Elder Cohen

I met Matt at Church in Iowa City. We shared lots of laughs in the Ward Clerk Office. Matt was confident yet soft spoken, accomplished yet humble. He loved his wife and family immensely. He loved to BBQ and smoke meats. He was a man of God, who is onto his next eternal journey and will be waiting for his family with open arms.

- Ed Walters

I am so sorry for your loss Madeline! I love you very much and I am so thankful that I was lucky enough to have met you! I know that your dad loves you more than anything and that he is still watching over you in heaven! I love you so so much!

- Sandy Sagers

Matthew was my neighbor and close friend as a kid. We had a lot of fun times together, and he was always a good friend and influence. His family are wonderful people and were very kind to my family and I. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Wishing your family prayers of healing.

- Dave Tate

Malerie and children, may you have peace in this difficult time I know what you guys are going through. My heart goes out to you and to your children and to your parents. I lost my husband in April. May the Lord‘s love and peace be with you of this difficult time.

- Lindsay Richhart (Clayton) and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers and we will be thinking of you. Love from Bangor Maine!

- John Nuttall

I met Matt while interviewing for ophthalmology residency, and I remembered him when our paths crossed again in Iowa City, where we both completed fellowships. He left a lasting impression. I will miss him as a colleague, but I feel fortunate to have known him and to have worked alongside him. I have spoken with others who are grieving just as I am. While we are still in disbelief, we are grateful for the time we shared with him and for the impact he had on our lives and careers. He will be remembered with great respect and fondness.

- Yasser Elshatory

My deepest condolences to Dr. Weed's family. The community is feeling the tragic loss of such a wonderful and caring physician. It was a great pleasure to work alongside Dr. Weed and see him interact with kindness and compassion to all his patients. May he rest in peace with the Lord.

- Rose Henjum

My prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Shortly after my son had a stroke he went to see Dr. Weed because of vision loss After several appointments and a surgery my son has made so much progress. Dr Weed connected with my son through music and always got down on his level and answered our questions. You will be greatly missed.

- Michelle Herra

Dr. Weed was my daughter's ophthalmologist in Spokane, WA. We were sad to see him leave us up here, but were excited for his new opportunities for growth in Utah! We are so devastated to hear about his tragic death in Costa Rica! Sending love and light and wishes of comfort to his beloved family during this difficult time!

- Kathy Schlichter and Topher Stuart and family

Dearest Weed family, While I do not know you I did know Dr. Weed. He was my son’s doctor for several years in Spokane and helped us navigate a complex condition that could have led to blindness. I am devastated for your loss. Praying for you all as you navigate the unimaginable.

- Stephanie Duffy

I work with a pediatric ophthalmologist in an eye clinic in Montana where we recently referred a patient to Dr. Weed. I heard of his death in saving his son and was deeply moved. I pray for his family and everyone who knew him personally. I'm so terribly sorry to hear of his passing. What an incredibly heroic act to save his son and I'm brought to tears . I started my career at the Spokane eye clinic and feel the community was so very fortunate to have his care and experience from what I've read.

- Holly Spangler

With a very very heavy heart l find myself in deep deep sorrow!!!!!!!!!!!! Why Why Why did this kind hearted man of god depart his precious loved ones so so so soon when his calling as a dear husband and father had not been met?????? What a ‘MAN OF GOD’ he still is!!!!!!!!!!!! He shall no doubt continue to prosper throughout the eternities and be even a greater husband, father, friend an associate than here on this beautiful planet earth!!!!!!!! If that is even possible!!!!! We are great great friends and so kind and heavenly gentle he is in every way!!! Yes the sorrow of his departure to the spirit world is sad but the joyous joy he spreads there makes all the angles giggle and giggle!!! Moran eye center can never be exactly the same as when Matt was here amoung us. He made being here fun and exciting just as he is in the spirit world!!!!!! To Matt’s family may peace and comfort abide with you all this day and always!!!!!!!! God bless you!!!!!!

- Skyler Hinds

I worked with Dr. Weed a couple of times in the OR at Primary Children's Lehi. He was always very kind and enjoyable to work with. My deepest sympathies and prayers go out to his family. His kindness will be missed.

- Dana Smith

Our family was blessed to live next door to the Weeds for nine years in Spokane. During that time, our families grew together and shared countless cherished moments—hot cocoa game nights, summer BBQs, and those spontaneous dog-walk encounters. I especially treasured my regular chats with Matt while we were both out doing yard work - discussing sports, family, yard tips, weekend adventures, and so on. Matt always stood out to me as an intelligent and humble man, guided by a steadfast moral compass and grounded priorities. Such a wonderful man and an equally wonderful family. Our hearts go out to Malerie and the children, and we pray they find comfort and peace.

- Mark Borda

We are so very sorry for your loss but are in awe of Dr. Weed's heroic sacrifice. Our daughters were his patients in Spokane and his love of children and genuine care of the very best possible outcome for his patients was so apparent. We will always remember his kindness and dedication and we thank God for the gift of his life. Praying for your family.

- Mindy Kennedy

Sending my thoughts to the entire family. I have known the Bates family for almost 45 years and was so happy that Malerie and Matt found each other to create an amazing family. My deepest condolences.

- Carol Dellinger

I knew Matt in elementary school. He lived just down the street from me. I remember hanging out with him numerous times and we would play the game “where in the world is Carmen Sandiego“. He was a great friend and he will be missed. My heart breaks for his family. He can now serve on the other side of the veil.

- Jake Hiller

What a tragedy to lose such a wonderful son, brother, husband, and father. We wish you all peace amidst the pain. May you continue to find beauty in your memories of him, and may his presence be felt in the family for all your days. We send you all our love.

- Jay and Karen Concannon

I was a patient in Spokane and he was the kindest, most patient doctor I ever had and took the time to explain what had been a lifelong issue that had gone undiagnosed for 50 years. What a loss for our community and for your family. May God bless and keep you as you grieve the loss of your loved one. We will always remember his kind and gentle spirit.

- Grace Leaf

Dear Weed family, I am so saddened about dear Dr. Brother Weed's untimely passing. Matt was my daughter's eye doctor in Spokane as well as a "Pa" to my son during Trek. I am so grateful for his kindness and good example and his altogether buoyant personality. I was so touched by how he approached me to praise and uplift my son during a tumultuous time in his life, and that he was there to be his leader. I feel so much sorrow on your behalf. Personally I lost my own father when I was young. Seeing what our family has had to be without during these decades is a very real bereavement that will only end when we are all reunited, but I know that we are all able to do it and make it through this even though the pain is so hard to bear. I know the Savior's atonement can apply in your lives now. It has been nearly 20 years since my father passed, and I can often feel him near, especially at important moments in my life. That you are able to feel Matt close by during those times is my sincere prayer for you all. With Love, Angela Coan

- Angela Coan

Matthew has a smile that lights up the world, every bit as much as his earthly and now eternal presence. His smile is beautiful, playful, and loving - the qualities expressed in the remarkable tribute to his journey. May his eternal

presence shine upon your family, and his memories glow forever in your hearts and souls.

- Chris and George Fraizer

Mi más sinceras condolencias, para toda la familia.. oramos para que el Padre Celestial les conceda resignación, de nuestra familia para nuestro recordado hermano Christopher Weed!! ■■■■

- Manuel Soto

Matt (then Elder Weed) was an incredible leader as a missionary and I was certainly a recipient of his good humor, encouragement, and personally saw his love for God and mankind in his words and deeds. I was a recipient of his individual attention which was so very Christlike of him at that time. My heart aches for his wife, children and entire family due to your significant loss - we are praying for you all that you will get through this challenging time.

- Jason Gardner

Matt was truly one of a kind. Always cracking jokes and making us laugh. Some of my favorite teenage memories include Matt. Playing basketball at the Knapps, being given many nicknames by him and often punching him in the arm. He always put a smile on my face and made sure everyone felt welcome. Sending love to his wife, kids, siblings, parents and loved ones. See you in heaven someday, Matt. Love, “Mary Thanks”.

- Mary Campbell

Words can’t express how sorry we are for your family’s loss. You are in our thoughts each day and we are sending lots of love and prayers.

- Sadie Speltz & Family

Me siento muy conmovida con la noticia, le conocí durante su período misional en Costa Rica, compartimos en algunas reuniones de distrito y Zona, Elder Weed un excelente misionero, su humildad y sencillez la recuerdo, también note su respeto por las cosas sagradas, deseo de corazón que Nuestro Padre Celestial fortalezca a quienes le amaban y lo extrañarán, que permanezcan en la memoria los maravillosos dones de Elder Weed.

- Durky Gudiel

Mis más sentidas condolencias para la familia Weed. Yo conocí al elder Weed cuando era misionero en Costa Rica Y yo también era misionera. Estaremos orando por ustedes.

- Hermana Ramos

Fue mi primer compañero en Costa Rica. Hasta vernos con el rey entrenador ❤■

- Herik Recinos

Hi!, you may not know of me. I met elder Weed (Mat) back in Costa Rica in 2002, while serving our missions. I had the opportunity and blessing to served next to him and to learn from him, Him being an exceptional person and one of the Lord's real representative, whom follow and live all commandments with great love and a deep desire to serve and help all to get to know the true Gospel. While serving Together I have the chance to know him and to participate with him in a variety of activities as missionaries. I knew for certain that he was and is a great young man whom kept growing physically and spiritually, up to now that he has being call to continue his eternal progress through the eternities. It is a shame we won't have him with us for a little, but soon we all will join together to gather forever. I express my condolences hopping the knowledge of our Savior will strengthen your souls throughout this sad time of transition of not having him with us.

- Luis A. Macias

I was just talking about him last month. He gave a talk in our ward. I was mesmerized by how articulate he was. I am so sorry!

- Vonnie Reed

Although we've never met, and likely never will, may you find a small comfort in knowing that a woman in Conklin, New York is praying for you, and for Matthew. My dear friend, Joan, is Matt's Godmother. When our good Lord calls on us, we must be ready to answer. It seems Matt was ready, and no doubt has found his peace.

- Cathy Dundon

I was so sad to hear about my Brother Weed. I remember the first time I really met him was during my time at Trek. He was one of the "Pa's" there and I had seen him around. One night as I was walking back to my tent I saw him and went to shake his hand, but he thought I was going in for a hug. So I did too. I gave him a big hug and he asked me if I was alright. I said I was great with a big smile on my face. This was the best way I could've truly met someone, with a big hug. I loved getting to know him over the years and I will miss him dearly. Although I couldn't be there, I am sending my love and prayers constantly to the whole family. I love you all and I pray for you every day. I can feel our Heavenly Father's love for each one of you during this time, and will keep Matt and his family in my thoughts and prayers always.

- Elder Grangroth

Philippians 2:3-4: “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” Rest in peace Matt and PURA VIDA!!

- Craig Chaya

Darling Mallory and family Words fall short in sending our feelings and condolences at this time. It was a beautiful tribute for a kind and caring husband and father. I wish we had known him. The Sunday I heard him and Sean speak at our Sacrament spoke volumes to his character and love of the gospel. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord hold you in His arms during this time of grief and tears. We know where Matt is. May you find some comfort in that as time goes by. With warm hugs and love

- Dennis and Cathy York

We are so sad to hear of Dr. Weed's passing. He Wasn't just a doctor to us, he was more like a superhero that saved Collin's sight! In fact, that is what Collin referred to him as, a superhero, and "the best guy". He was always very kind, and it was obvious that he truly cared about his work and was genuinely excited when treatments were working and Collin did so well. We will always think of him fondly and continue to pray for peace and comfort for his family.

- Janell and Collin webster

I met Elder Weed in a Costa Rica. My dad is Jonn Claybaugh, his mission president. I was 14 years old when I moved there. The missionaries were my friends. I looked up to them so much and they were great examples to me as men and missionaries to set a standard for myself too later become a missionary in Spain. I have fond memories of hanging out with Elder Weed on Saturdays while he was in the mission office. Saturdays were the office missionaries Preparation day. I remember going bowling with him, making silly videos and doing other various fun outings. He treated me like a little brother and friend. I am so sorry for your loss. Todd

- Todd Claybaugh

Such a beautiful service and tribute to Matthew. Our hearts ache for you and pray for peace and joy to be yours as you trust in our Heavenly Father’s perfect plan. Because of Jesus Christ all can be calm and bright now and for eternity ❤■

- Scott and Pam (Weed) Grayston

I’m sorry for your loss. I worked with him for a short period of time and he was such a great person and loved his patients. He will be missed

- Krista Cozzens

Thank you for making the service available to us on-line. It was so lovely and inspiring in all respects. We continue to hold you, Matt and Annette, and your dear family in our hearts and prayers with love.

- David Tate

My interactions with Matt stuck with me because of the amazing energy, love, and interest he exuded. The last time I saw him in person was on a winter hike a few years ago, and he immediately recognized me (though we'd only communicated on his Facebook posts in recent years) and wanted to stop and chat. We had a very enjoyable conversation and I left feeling very seen, appreciated, and inspired to show that same love to others. It was clear from Matt's Facebook posts that he was a brilliant, engaged doctor, and his enthusiasm showed in his excellent writing about eyes and medicine. He also showed up as a loving husband and father. The world lost a really good person, but he will live on in many others. Sending all the love I can muster to everyone who knew and loved Matt. ■

- Michelle Glauser

I was lucky to get to know Matt during our intern year of medical training. He was funny, super smart, supportive, and encouraging to patients and those around him. During that year, other fields tried to recruit him, but his interest was in helping others through Ophthalmology. Being around him made you naturally want to better yourself. Our prayers are with Malerie and his family at this time, may you feel Matt's love and God's comfort at this difficult time.

- Doug Heiner

An incredibly nice man and GREAT surgeon who operated on my 75 year old eyes to correct lifelong Strabismus. Such devastating news!! Keeping his family in prayer.

- Sarah Paulus (Spokane, WA)

We are saddened to hear of Dr Weed’s passing. Dr. Weed operated on our 13 month old son this past September. We appreciated that he took extra time to answer our questions and make us feel comfortable through the process. He was so gentle with our son and made a new/scary experience more comfortable for him and us. It is not lost on us that Dr. Weed’s knowledge, talent, and care have helped our son have clearer vision and we will be forever grateful for him. We also acknowledge all of the support and sacrifice his wife and family must have given through his schooling, residency, and career. Thank you for sharing your husband and dad- we are sure we are not the only patient/patient’s family that have been impacted by his legacy. We send our condolences and prayers to his family and friends at this time. -Brock, Makell, & Dax

- Brock, Makell, & Dax

I had the honor of getting to know Matt during the time of his medical education. I remember him as a gentle young man who had a very nice sense of humor and a smile on his face. Remember: Grief is a passage and not a place to stay. When you keep the wonderful memories and the beautiful good times and events in your heart, Matt is physically gone, but his spirit will be with you—forever. Matt was a Good Human and a loss to the world. Condolences to the Family. May the Will of God place you where the Grace of God will keep you.■❤■

- Joyce Felder

I came into Lehi IHC hospital today after many months as I have before many times as a Spanish interpreter and received the sad news of Dr. Weed’s passing. I had the privilege of interpreting for him several times and always found him to be very kind and pleasant to his patients. My sincere condolences to his family and friends. May the Dear Lord welcome him home with open arms.

- Bea Lunde

We just found out about the passing of Dr. Weed. We send our condolences to the family. Dr. Weed’s compassion and knowledge was greatly appreciated. He was a big part of our family and helped our son through surgery and ongoing care until he graduated shortly before he left the Spokane Eye Clinic. Much love and prayers. Jeremy

- Lesser Family

My heart breaks for your family. Matt was my son’s hero. Brennan Walpolecserved with Matt in the Costa Rica mission. He talked about how much he learned and admired Matt’s personality while being trained by Matt as a

missionary. Brennan has also passed away in 2017 after an avalanche accident. Please reach out. We would love to give you a big hug. I’m sure they’ve picked up with each other and being great missionaries like the were herein 2001

- Tangie Walpole