

Ritchie, Matthew Craig 1978 - 2008



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Matthew Craig Ritchie, 30, of Jacksonville, Fla., and formerly of Seymour, entered into eternal rest Dec. 22, 2008.

Mr. Ritchie was the operations manager for Tri-Co Sales and Distribution in Jacksonville since 2006. He loved interacting with people and never met a stranger. He made many friends in his industry and was extremely dedicated to his job. He loved to fish, play golf and go camping. He always said that his dream job would be to become a professional fisherman. He had a love of being outdoors that began in early childhood. He was always eager to help a friend or family member whenever needed. He was an extremely loving father, son, brother and friend. He was a member of Orange Park United Methodist Church, which he had attended since the age of 7. He participated in Indian Guides and Boy Scouts as a young boy. He was involved with many team sports growing up, playing soccer, basketball and baseball. Matt graduated from Orange Park High School.

Born July 15, 1978, in Seymour, he was the son of Cecil and Christina Capes Ritchie, both of whom survive.

Other survivors include a daughter, McKinley Cole, Jacksonville, Fla.; a sister, Stacy McLeod, Orange Park, Fla.; a niece, Riley McLeod, Orange Park, Fla.; and a grandmother, Columbia Ritchie, North Vernon. Matt is also survived by many sorrowing aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as the best circle of friends anyone could ever ask for.

He is now fishing in heaven with grandparents who have gone before him, George and Evelyn Capes and Zebedee Ritchie.

The Rev. Ed Mead will conduct a service of remembrance of Matthew's life at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hayden United Methodist Church.

Friends may call after 10 a.m. Saturday and are invited to join the family at a luncheon after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to a trust fund account for Matt's daughter, McKinley Cole England, at Sun Trust Bank.