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Mark and Family David and Sherry

Kathryn and Matt ~ Their Dance



This story starts in late 1986 when Kathryn and Matt were only 2 years old.

Sherry and I moved in the house next door to Ann and Don Holmes in December 1986. That was the year of the Challenger disaster, Top Gun was a hit, Mike Tyson won his first title, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were protecting the world, and the Chicago Bears won the Super Bowl.

From an early age, Kathryn had a way about her to get what she wanted. It wasn't by being forceful or demanding. Instead, she would

play with Matt doing the things he liked with an expectation that later they would do the things she liked. Kathryn had a certain sass about her that, looking back, was evident even as a two year old.

Matt would get Kathryn to play with his bucket of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Leonardo, Raphael, Donatello, and Michelangelo were the heroes of the day. When it was Kathryn's turn to choose the topic, play time would involve dolls, pretend makeup, and hair. There's more than one photo floating around with Matt dressed up as a baby and others with Matt having red lips and rosy cheeks.

They were the best of childhood friends. Matt was always called Little Matt because Kathryn's older brother was also named Matt. And a few doors up the street was Big Matt, who played with these neighborhood kids. Even today, Ann calls our Matt, "Little Matt Whitehurst."

One of the unfortunate conse-

quences of growing up is you run the risk of losing touch with your childhood friends. Kathryn went her way and Matt his. There was never any dating between them, although I admit it crossed my mind more than once as they grew older.

After high school, Kathryn headed to Auburn and Matt to Alabama. But Kathryn's heart was in hair and makeup, so she headed took a detour to Cosmetology school. Matt decided he wanted to be a bar tender and that's where he followed his passion. You can find him today at Firebirds.

About six years ago, Kathryn was diagnosed with brain cancer. Life's not fair. She fought a brave fight. In this memorable year of 2020, Ann and Don had to face the emotions of burying their daughter.

They had her ashes placed in a columbarium at Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church. The service was graceful and healing.▶

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Attendance was limited to family and close friends.

During the interment service, I learned that there are a few turtles in the garden around the columbarium. And guess what? They are named for the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Kathryn is with some close friends who will protect her. She knows them well.

On the drive home from the service, the Garth Brooks hit, “The Dance” played on our radio. This is an emotional song about life and losing someone you love. It has a special meaning to me now.

Here are the words to “The Dance” that echo Kathryn’s life:

*“For a moment all the world was right
How could I have known you’d ever say
goodbye*

And now I’m glad I didn’t know

*The way it all would end the way it all
would go*

*Our lives are better left to chance I
could have missed the pain*

But I’d have to miss the dance.”

Everyone who knew Kathryn will miss her but they’re glad they didn’t miss the dance.

Michelangelo - please look after Kathryn.

David



“Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”



BENT OUT OF SHAPE

Meaning: To take offense; to become angry, agitated or upset. “They stopped inviting him to the gatherings, and he really got bent out of shape about it.”

Origin: “To be in shape” dates back to the

late 1700s. It meant being in good physical condition, as it does today. To get bent out of shape became a popular idiom in the 1900s and some people speculate that it may have originated from the dreaded, yet unavoidable SCUBA diving condition of the bends.

CLEANING YOUR KEYBOARD

Cleaning your computer keyboard is an important task for both your health and your computer’s performance. I’ve read that keyboards with multiple users have more bacteria than toilet seats. And that’s despite the extensive use of hand sanitizers today.

So here are 4 easy steps to clean your keyboard – after first removing power from the device (just unplug it):

- 1. Shake it** – turn it up and shake out the loose the whatever that found their way into your keyboard. Move it away from your computer and anything else that could be harmed by loose stuff.
- 2. Use some air** – get some canned air and blow out the crud between the keys. If you can pop the cover from keyboard (but not the individual key covers), that will make the space under the keys more accessible. Use your canned air to blow away the foreign particles. You can also use a toothpick or cotton swabs to loosen the particles between the keys.
- 3. Use a vacuum** – this will clean out anything that won’t leave voluntarily.
- 4. Wipe it down** – Use some disinfectant wipes to clean the surface including the keys. Don’t use bleach wipes or you may cause some discoloration. A little isopropyl alcohol on a paper towel will work fine.

Let the keyboard dry out before reconnecting the power.



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Where did Halloween Come From?

The origin of Halloween can be traced to this “ancient pagan festival celebrated by Celtic people over 2,000 years ago,” states The World Book Encyclopedia. “The Celts believed that the dead could walk among the living at this time. During Samhain, the living could visit with the dead.” Straddling the line between fall and winter, plenty and paucity, life and death, Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. People would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts.





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Beside the normal stuff, we also clean:

- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots
- Wash Dry & Fold

And we do...

1. We are a Certified Wedding Gown Specialist
2. We are part of the Certified Restoration Drycleaning Network (CRDN) - We handle textile and electronics restoration due to damage from smoke, fire, water and mold.
3. Home and office dry cleaning pickup and delivery
4. Wash Dry & Fold service - including Champion Hamper service

Halloween Jokes



Q: What do ghosts eat for supper?
A: Spooketi

Q: What do you do when 50 zombies surround your house?
A: Hope it's Halloween!!

Q: What is the most important subject a witch learns in school?
A: Spelling.

Q: Why didn't the skeleton want to go to school?
A: His heart wasn't in it.

Q: Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
A: He didn't have any guts!

Q: Why did the skeleton cross the road?
A: To get to the body shop.

Q: Why didn't the skeleton go to the ball?
A: Because he had no BODY to go with.

Q: What did the little girl say when she had to choose between a tricycle and a candy bar?
A: "Trike or Treat"?

Q: What do you call a fat pumpkin?
A: A plumpkin.

Q: What room does a ghost not need?
A: A living room!

Q: Why are ghosts so bad at lying?
A: Because you can see right through them!

Q: Who did Frankenstein take to the dance?
A: His "ghoul" friend!

Time To Do This...

- Service Heating and Cooling System
- Inspect and Repair Roof
- Inspect and Clean Fireplace and Chimney
- Trim Tree Limbs Near Roof and Chimney
- Check Fire Extinguishers
- Cut and Stack Firewood
- Clean and Lubricate Garage Door
- Kiss Your Spouse Minimum Once a Day
- Say "I love you" at least one a day
- Count Your Blessings Every Day