

Matt Hammer



Matt Hammer, a 23-year-old from Grants Pass graduated in May with a business degree from Corban College, a small Christian school in Salem. In late June he married his college girlfriend, Monica Crumley, and left soon thereafter for what was supposed to be his final summer fighting fires. He had joined a firefighting crew the past few summers, often with buddies. Matt was

unflappable under pressure. At the end of the day, he loved the adventure and loved being with the guys.

Matt grew up in Northern California and moved to Grants Pass as a teenager. He graduated from Grants Pass High School in 2003.

Matt was close to his parents and three sisters.

At Corban College, Matt developed a reputation as a fierce member of intramural football and basketball teams.

Matt was quiet, not wanting to be the center of attention. He was also fun-loving and enjoyed anything outdoors. He was the kind of person that was friendly with everybody. People fell in love with him, even if they didn't know him.