

October 14, 1998

To the Family of Matt Shepard
Poudre Valley Hospital
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Dr. Philip L. Dubois, President
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The Honorable Jim Geringer
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The State Capitol
Cheyenne, WY 82002

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Mr. John Vinich
Candidate for Governor
P.O. Box 5044
Cheyenne, WY 82003

We join you in the pain, in the grief. Though distantly, we do join you. We send you love and support for the loss of Matthew Shepard's presence in your lives. He lives on in your hearts.

We join you in anger. Feeling as though we, too, have been struck in violence. Knowing the killing of one person is an affront to all life, all hopes and dreams, all communion and love.

We join you in sympathy for those who struck so violently. Those so out of touch with our common heart. Those who killed their own brother. Those who have made their own lives so much more difficult by their own hands. By their own hands, too, they have struck their own hearts.

We, too, as gay people and our families and friends, have known the pains, angers, difficulties, shames of living free. Of risking ourselves by risking living fully in our hearts and in our towns. We, too, have known the love, pleasures and communion to be ourselves with our families, friends and neighbors, all one in the heart.

So numbing. So infuriating! So senseless. So inhuman.

None of us are alone in this tragedy.

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Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay Alliance
Northern Arizona University
Flagstaff, AZ 86011

Metropolitan Community Church
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Sarah
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Alexandra
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Tamara

Renee
Blaver

Jack
Edwards

Carol
Collins-Chen

Rick
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Laura + green

Viki Stevens

Carol Ann

Beth McEntire

Rev. L. A. L.

My best friend was
Killed by ijtrogire (he had schizophrenia)
You are in my thoughts + prayers
It is a great loss. Jill Christensen

Betsy Buford

I was involved in a
bashing in Dallas TX
where I was able to stop
the violence before someone paid
with their life. I am so sorry
for your loss. You are not alone
Stormie Jackson

Best wishes
My prayers are with you,
Marjorie Ross

Loni V Lubat
address to Mt. Rancho

Cameron Gossain

May the love of
God. Guide you through
this time of sadness
and confusion. Om. will
heal, if you let time
encircle you in acceptance,
Blessed Be,
Erinn E. Moriarty

Best wishes
Dr. McMullen

I share in your loss
Mike Johnson
Amanda

Mary Ann
L. J.

Patrick Regan

I long to talk to you
Robyn +
Brya + Dietz
- you are not alone -
Our prayers are with you.

Ernie Lopez
Good Luck!