

Matthew Lorimer Miller

PRINCETON, N.J. — G. Lorimer and Natalie Ross Miller of Eastham are deeply saddened to announce the death of their son, Matthew Lorimer Miller, in Princeton N.J., on January 25. He was 46 and fought a long and courageous battle with lung cancer. A man of unstoppable determination and genuine optimism, he was known as a scientist, teacher, and writer.

Matthew grew up in Westfield, N.J., and with his parents was a regular summer visitor to Eastham from 1974. In high school he had the opportunity to work as a programmer under prominent researchers at Bell Laboratories. He graduated from Rochester University in 1986 with a degree in Cognitive Science, and first pursued his passion for moviemaking by working as a grip in Hollywood. In Silicon Valley, he was an early pioneer in the desktop publishing industry. Determined then to work his way around the world, he taught graduate-level courses in color theory at Aarhus University, Denmark, computer graphics at Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, and computer science at Vilnius University, Lithuania. In Vilnius he met and married Giedre Andrasiaunaite, and returned to the US with her in 1997. He settled in Princeton, N.J., to work at NEC Labs where he was a leader in pioneering digital watermarking technology. He co-founded a startup company that commercialized watermarking for digital rights management, and co-authored the definitive textbook on the subject. He held over 30 patents, and his most recent research encompassed areas of machine learning and pattern recognition applied to the detection of cancer. He had a great love of historical board gaming, and for history, philosophy, science, and travel — he succeeded in going around the world 9 times.

He is survived by his parents, his beloved wife, Giedre, and daughters, Fia, 11, and Ada, 9, a brother, Jonathan, of Washington, D.C., and a sister, Kate, of Providence, R.I. He will be in our hearts forever.