



April 19, 2022

It is with great sadness and the heaviest of hearts that I inform you of the death of Rob Kennerknecht, General McLane Athletic Director, who died on Tuesday, April 19, after months of living with cancer.

Rob was a larger-than-life figure who touched the lives of everyone he met in ways that, even now in this time of tremendous grief, leave a smile on your face. His wit and facetious humor were only surpassed in scale by his enormous heart that fueled his unconditional caring for students' well-being and support for the adults in their lives as part of the General McLane school community.

When he was an athletic trainer, he was far more than a medical professional, and as the athletic director, he was far more than a supervisor—in whatever he did, Rob brought all of himself and devoted his life to the calling to develop young people not merely on, but more significantly, off the field of competition on their journey to becoming young adults. In his unofficial role as mentor, he shaped the lives of countless students and adults through his commitment to General McLane.

More than any of these things, however, Rob's greatest legacy will be as a husband to Meghan (Edinboro Elementary School teacher) and father to Jack and Lauren (both James. W. Parker Middle School students). Please join us in supporting them now and in the future as they navigate this loss and the void it leaves.

Rob Kennerknecht will be painfully missed, but we remain committed to carrying on his commitment to and love for all-things General McLane and what that represents—he would expect that of us. His strength, courage, and love are cherished in his memory.

Respectfully,

Matthew Lane, Ed.D.
General McLane School District - Superintendent