Spectators listen to words from Cabrillo College women’s volleyball coach Gabrielle Houston-Neville during a memorial service for coach Trevor Krieg on Sunday at Rio Del Mar Beach.

Hundreds attend Krieg memorial

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APTOS — A volleyball net decorated with dozens of leis was the backdrop of a memorial service for deceased volleyball coach Trevor Krieg on a warm Sunday at Rio Del Mar Beach.

At the end of the 90-minute service, former Aptos High coach Mark Hull invited any player who had been coached or influenced by Krieg to grab a lei.

The leis were gone within a minute, a symbol of how many boys and girls Krieg influenced in his short time in Santa Cruz County.

Throughout the service, volleyball coaches, players and friends sang songs and shared stories about the 22-year-old Sausalito native.

Krieg died May 26 in Shasta County in an accident on a houseboat.

More info

Donations for the Trevor Wesley Krieg Scholarship Memorial can be sent to Main Beach Volleyball Club, P.O. Box 683, Capitola 95010.

“Trevor was definitely one of a kind,” said Cabrillo College women’s volleyball coach Gabrielle Houston-Neville, who was the first person to offer Krieg a coaching gig about four years ago. “There was something about him I liked ... and I knew he was going to be a good coach. He was a diamond in the rough.”

Several speakers noted that at the time of Krieg’s death,

Krieg was coaching his fifth different volleyball squad in the past 12 months. Not only did he help out at Cabrillo College with Houston-Neville, he also was the head girls coach at Mount Madonna, the head boys coach at Scotts Valley and a coach at the Main Beach Volleyball Club.

Krieg was voted the Santa Cruz Coast Athletic League boys volleyball Coach of the Year earlier this month.

Members of the Mount Madonna girls team sang songs and shared memories. Players at Main Beach talked about a funny moment where he gave into the girls’ request for a dessert at a restaurant prior to a tournament.

Other friends talked about the times he’d forget something, be it clothes or his wallet.

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This sign announcing a scholarship fund in memory of coach Trevor Krieg was posted in a couple of places at Rio Del Mar Beach on Sunday.

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But everyone who went to the makeshift stage on the beach talked about Krieg’s dedication to the sport.

“He was so enthusiastic and so fired up about volleyball,” said Scotts Valley athletic director Louie Walters. “His passion and dedication was amazing. He’s probably setting up some tournament up above right now.”

Scotts Valley High players announced they have created the Scotts Valley Hustle Award, which will go to the player on the team that showcases the most hustle throughout the season.

Hull said a tournament on the first weekend in June would be named in Krieg’s honor.

Main Beach Volleyball announced it has created the Trevor Wesley Krieg Scholarship Memorial Fund, where funding will be provided to those who want to play for the club but don’t have all of the financial means to do so.