



Matthew Anderson

July 26, 1992 - July 17, 2006

Matthew Edward Anderson Matthew Edward Anderson, age 13 of Montgomery, Texas passed away on Tuesday, July 11, 2006. He was born July 26th, 1992 in San Jose, CA and became a Texan at age two. Although tragic, Matthew's departure from this world was quick and painless. He is survived by his loving family; parents, Mike & Rita Anderson, younger sister Amy, twin younger brothers, Adam and Andrew, and youngest brother Aaron; grandparents, James & Betty Anderson, John & Bonnie Romero; great grandparents, Obble & Ruth Harrell; aunts & uncles and their families; Richard & Lisa Romero, Nickie & Earl Finn, Steve & Esther Anderson, Larry & Mandy Anderson, Jamie Anderson, and Judy & Don Schulte, and his many friends and classmates. He was a friend to everyone and never had a mean thought or action. A playful, happy 13-year old that loved to laugh, and play jokes. He was very smart and intelligent - sometimes getting bored with day-to-day work. He loved athletics and played basketball, baseball, soccer, and football. He was excited that freshman football camp was near. He was not blessed with any super-star ability for sports, but his desire, enthusiasm, and willingness to do whatever was asked of him without complaint made him a wonderful addition to every team and a pleasure to coach. He loved fishing and the outdoors. He loved to draw and was blessed with a natural gift for art. Matthew sang in the boys and concert choirs of Montgomery Jr. High School. He loved his family and was the very sensitive "big brother", and loved the idea that he was growing into his dad's shoes. Matthew was a wonderful

young adult that parents welcomed into their homes. While he was on earth, the family knows his life was full and happy even though short. A child is on earth to learn from his parents, teachers and peers, but he ended up teaching his parents, family, and friends much more than they taught him. We all love you Matthew. Matthew's body will lie in state at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 850 Eva St, Montgomery, TX on Saturday, July 15th, noon-8pm. Visitation will be at the funeral home Sunday, July 16th from 1pm-8pm, with the family receiving friends from 5pm-8pm. A funeral service will be held on Monday, July 17th at 10:00am at West Conroe Baptist Church, 1855 Longmire Road, Conroe, TX 77304. Pastors Randy Weaver from Lonestar Cowboy Church and Tracy Jagers from West Conroe Baptist will be officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Montgomery Junior High PTO, the Conroe Family YMCA (10245 Owen Dr., Conroe, TX 77304), or a memorial fund in the name of Matthew Anderson (Attn: Susan Villarreal at Chase Bank, 1320 W. Davis St., Conroe, TX 77304) You may leave memorial condolences to the family at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew Anderson*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I am Rita's sister and Matthew's aunt. I want to thank everyone who has posted, visits, and prays for my sister, Mike, and the kids. I know this online memorial is a place that helps me try to deal on a daily basis. I know it has helped my sister and the family to see all the wonderful way Matthew touched so many lives. Matthew is a very special young man who has now become our shining star in the heavens. Thank you to all for your words and support. I just wanted to let you know how much it means and helps us all.*

Nickie Finn - January 18, 2007 at 08:44 AM

SA

“ I really don't know what to say. I'm stunned to find out that such a wonderful young man is no longer with us. I knew Matthew through my sister Sheyda Aboii. I can still remember the first time I met Matthew at one of my sister's birthday parties. He was such a polite, kind, and caring young man. I know that he will greatly be missed. No words, tears, or person can ever fill in his place. To the Anderson family, I send my prayers to be with you at this testing time. My heart really goes out to you. I believe that Matthew beat all of us to be with the Lord. He did exactly what the Lord wanted him to do and was then called back home after completing the tasks. Know that he has, and will always continue to teach others going through their journey in life with his past kind actions and his memorable legacy that people who knew him will continue to preach. Throughout his lifetime he touched so many, some of which we may never know. I pray that the family finds a way get through this unimaginable testing time. You are all in my prayers. May God bless you all.

Sharizod Aboii

Sharizod Aboii - August 28, 2006 at 07:04 PM

AS

“ Dear Anderson Family,

I don't know if you remember me. I grew up with Matthew sitting next to me in every class, because his last name started with an A too. I knew him, your son, from kindergarten to seventh grade. I am sorry that I could not write you sooner I just found out when one of my friends, Kendall Cherry, informed me on August 26th. I know telling you that I'm sorry just makes it hurt more. I can't say that I know what your going through, but I have experienced the death of a loved one. I will NOT let Matthew, his existence, what he taught me, die from my memory. For it is the memory of him that blessed me. I thank your son and you for all that you have done, and may God soothe your pain.

*Sincerely,
Sheyda Aboii*

Ps. I hope Matthew knows that I'm sorry I never e-mailed him.

Aboii Sheyda - August 26, 2006 at 07:10 PM

JW

“ *i'm so sorry for your loss! you guys were a great family and i love everyone of you! though matt is gone he is still in our hearts!We will never forget you guys and matt! he was more than a friend he was family! we want to let you guys know that you are still family no matter what! and you guys will allways be in my prayers!may the lord be with you!*

jacob wellauer - August 13, 2006 at 01:55 PM

PL

“ Mike, Rita, and family, You do not know us, but we are friends of Rita's parent, and met them while in Korea. I received the e-mail today from Bonnie and my heart went out to you and your family. We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless and be with you all.

Paul and Helen Limvorratre - July 28, 2006 at 08:47 AM

GT

“ Our hearts go out to your family in this time of personal grief and separation from your beloved Matthew. We pray that The Father will send a large measure of the Comforter to cover you with peace like a blanket with love and hope.

(Friends of Bonnie and John Romero from Bethany, Slidell, now in Katy)

Gary and Ann-Margret Tober - July 25, 2006 at 03:42 PM

TF

“ Mike, Rita, Amy, Adam, Andrew and Aaron, We were saddened and shocked to hear of Matthew's death in the Pflugerville Pflag. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Tyler and Natasha remember all of you and the fun we had in the neighborhood especially the pool parties. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers now and always. Take care of each other. Chris, Sherry, Tyler and Natasha Hindmarsh

The Hindmarsh Family - July 25, 2006 at 10:46 AM

NS

“ Mike and Rita and family,
My deepest sympathies go out to you all as I have lifted you up, am
lifitng you up, and will continue to lift you up in prayer. Matthew's life
testimony was such an encouragment to read and I praise God that
you know where he is - up in heaven with our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ. I pray comfort for you all as you work through this time
of loss and grief.
Clinging to Christ,
Nichole Sims and family

Nichole Sims - July 21, 2006 at 01:25 PM

TF

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. We heard of
your loss from Rebecca Dean on Monday. You coached Alex along
with my husband, James for a couple of years at PYFL. God
allowed you and Rita to share 13 wonderful years with Matthew. His
desire to be give his all in sports made him a great big brother. I
know that your other children will remember his character and build
from it. Keep the faith and know that he is with God resting
peacefully. One day soon, you all will reunite with him in heaven.

The Matlock Family - July 19, 2006 at 01:33 PM

DF

“ Mike & Rita, we the Dean Family are truly saddened by your loss.
Our son's have known each other for many years and have shared
many happy moments. Mike you were my son's Alex (Jr.) Dean's
first football coach and because of that our families were able to
meet We hold memories of your family dear to our hearts, especially
running around out on the football fields at Pflugerville Middle
School. Our prayers are with you and your family. Matt still will
always be a speical kid.

Dean Family - July 18, 2006 at 05:40 PM

BC

“ DEAR MIKE AND RITA;

MIKE, I'M SURE YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME, BUT YOUR GRANDMOTHER RUTH IS MY GREAT AUNT. I HAVE A GREAT AMOUNT OF LOVE AND AFFECTION FOR HER AS SHE HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP TO ME DURING MY LIFE AND WITH MY GRANDMOTHER BESS. I AM SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR DEAR SON. FROM WHAT RUTH TELLS ME, MATTHEW WAS DELIGHT TO BE AROUND AND HIS LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY WAS VERY GREAT. I KNOW WORDS CANNOT EASE THE PAIN, BUT YOUR FAMILY HAS BEEN IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS. PLEASE GIVE YOUR REGARDS TO BETTY AND RED AND KNOW YOU WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. MAY GOD AND PEACE BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

BOB CAMPBELL--NORMAN, OK

BOB CAMPBELL - July 18, 2006 at 04:40 PM

KL

“ *Mr and Mrs Anderson, you already know that I am extremely sorry about how you lost Matt, about how everyone lost Matt. I pray every night that it may get easier for your family, but I know it won't. Everyone knew Matt, I was surprised how many people I saw from my school at his funeral, about 12. It really hadn't hit me that so many people knew Matt, I hadn't realized just how many people's lives he touched. He made everyone's lives better, in some way, he just brightened everyone's day. Now our days are brightened just by thinking of him, and just by knowing that he is in a better place now. Sometimes I wish that he was still here, but then I remember that he wouldn't be Matt, he would need physical therapy and other treatments. I would rather have him singing in the Heaven's choir than see him being put thru all sorts of medical stuff. I will see you guys soon, the twins and all!*

Katie Lardinois - July 18, 2006 at 02:01 PM

MS

“ Dearest Anderson Family,
You do not know me, but my son Logan was a classmate and friend of Matt's. They worked out together and according to Logan shared some pretty deep conversations as Matt tried to help Logan understand that God is in control of all of our lives. It seems that Logan was sharing with Matt the fact that Logan had to have brain surgery when he was 12 and that he would not be able to play football and other contact sports and would have to take medication for the rest of his life because of that. Well, Matt shared with Logan his story of being rushed into ICU as a newborn and not being expected to live. The conversation ended with both of them understanding that God had a plan for each of them. Anyway, I just wanted you to know that Matt had touched yet another young life and Logan is very sad at the loss of Matt. He is very excited that he got to know Matt and be his workout buddy. We are lifting you and your family in prayer. We pray for the Peace beyond understanding that we are promised will wash over you and comfort you in this time of grief. We pray that others will come to know Jesus because of something Matt said or did and that the love of Jesus will be spread through this community in loving memory of Matt. When it seems you cannot put one foot in front of the other, remember to "cry out to Jesus".

*In Christ's Love,
Melinda Schurr (Logan's mom)*

Melinda Schurr - July 17, 2006 at 04:21 PM

TF

“ Dear Anderson Family,
We never had the pleasure of meeting young Matthew however our son who works with Lake Conroe Fire Department responded to the accident and I know he wanted so desperately to help Matthew. I recieved a call from my son soon after the accident asking for us all to pray for Matthew and we all did just that. We want you to know that we are also praying for your family to recieve Gods love and strength at this very sad time. As difficult as this time is, may your family take solace in knowing that Matthew is in a wonderful place with his heavenly Father. He will always be with you. God Bless your family and we will continue to pray for you.

The Soliz Family

The Soliz Family - July 16, 2006 at 08:03 PM

EF

“ Dear all,

While I cannot be there with you now, I think of you and yours every day. I know in my heart that young Matthew is with the Lord, and we will be with him one day.

You are in my prayers. I ask the Lord to give you some comfort now in your time of sorrow. God bless.

Earl

Earl Finn - July 16, 2006 at 06:20 PM

SI

“My husband and I are very sorry for your loss. We also lost our 10 year old son Robert Benjamin Imhoff on May 30th to that horrible eighteen wheeler accident as the truck jackknifed and killed Robert and his uncle instantly only three miles away from home. There are no words to express the grief you will carry with you for the rest of your life. But do pray and believe and God has a purpose... as painful and tragic as something like this is, you have to remember the wonderful 14 yrs you had with your son. We are sooooo grateful to our Good Lord for letting us have Robert for those wonderful 10 years. The sorrow, pain, and anger will be there for a long time... but do believe that he is in your hearts and in your presence always... Again, We are so sorry for this terrible loss and our hearts go out to you and your family. God bless you and yours... ”

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> Scott and Iva Imhoff

> Navasota, TX

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Scott & Iva Imhoff - July 16, 2006 at 04:36 PM

DM

“Dear Amy, I am really really sorry about Matthew. I did not know him that well but I'm sure he was a great brother. I met him at the end of the year soccer party and he seemed extremely nice. I know that the Lord has good plans for him in heaven. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Dominique Martinez - July 16, 2006 at 03:48 PM

TM

“Dearest Mike, Rita and family. Our prayers are with you and everyone that Matthew touched. We are saddened by your loss & will pray to our Lord for strength & peace in our souls.

The Martinez's - July 16, 2006 at 03:36 PM

DB

“ Mike, Rita and Family. Please know that your sisters in Cedar Park are praying God's grace and tender mercy over your family. I am so very sorry for your loss!!! Trusting in God's sovereignty, knowing that HE IS: A God of Hope, A Stronghold, A God of Hope, Our Comforter, Our Refuge in times of trouble, Our Hiding Place, Righteous, Faithful, Our strength in weakness, Our strong deliverer, The One who sustains us, Jevohah Raah- The Lord our Shepherd, the Alpha and Omega! Praying He will comfort you until you see Matt again at Jesus' throne.
All my love to you.
Deb

Deb Bowman - July 16, 2006 at 02:49 PM

JG

“ Please disregard the first sentence in my previous posting. I submitted it before I proofread my comments. Obviously I am not happy that this has happened, but it is comforting to know that Matt is with the Lord. My family and I wish you God's grace through this tragedy.
-Jamie-

Jamie Gower - July 16, 2006 at 02:13 PM

JG

“ To the Anderson Family, i am so happy that this has happened to you all. THough i did not know your son all that well, i rode the bus to and from school with him every day. He never seemed to have any problems at all with anyone. Once again i am sorry for your loss. But i know that he is in a happier place now, and that is all that matters. you will all be in my prayers!
-Jamie-

Jamie Gower - July 16, 2006 at 02:03 PM

PA

“ Dear Andersons, I do not know you but am feeling your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Kacey had spoken very highly of Matthew and he will always remember the friendship they shared. May God's strength be blessed upon you during this time. Kacey Keechi's mom

Pam Allen - July 15, 2006 at 11:18 PM

LN

“ Rita and Family,

Words cannot tell you how sorry I am to hear the news about Matthew. Please know your bunco sisters from Cedar Park are praying for you and your family. I know you are comforted by the fact that Matthew is in heaven. How glorious that must be for him!! May God Bless you and your family. Liesel Nobles

Liesel Nobles - July 15, 2006 at 11:16 PM

EK

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for all of you. We wish we could do something to make it better but will keep you in our prayers. Michelle often talks about the "Anderson twins" and we know all our parents were trading stories about all the grandkids just this week. If there is anything your friends in Pflugerville can do, let us know. We will keep you in our thoughts and hope you know how sad we are for you and that somehow knowing we are sending good thoughts and strong prayers your way lifts you up.

Eddie, Kelley, Michelle, and Lauren King - July 15, 2006 at 10:53 PM

AD

“ Mike and Rita and family,

I am so very, very sorry for your loss. Please know that our family's prayers are with you.

*In Christ,
Mike and Allison Derton*

Allison Derton - July 15, 2006 at 09:55 PM

DR

“ Dear Mike & Rita, I am Lost for words when I hear the news. My Prayers were many while driving to the hospital. I know I was not much comfort while I was there with ya'll. I will always remember Matt playing horse in the drivewaw on thet Sunday. I hope Ya'll find the comfort in all your family and friends in this time of morning. God Bless Ya'll and your family.

Don Rupe

Don Rupe - July 15, 2006 at 06:34 PM

RS

“ Dear Andersons, There are no words to say at a time like this, only that we love you, and we're praying for you. God bless all of you.

GOLDEN RAYS OF HOPE

When your heart is sorely aching,

When you've had too much to endure,

When you're looking for a reason.....

Put you're faith in God who loves you

And with golden rays of hope,

HE will comfort each of you and give you strength,

To climb the steepest slope.

Friends of Red and Betty's in Pueblo, CO

Ray and Gretchen Seifried - July 15, 2006 at 06:13 PM

SW

“ I don't know you, but read the obit. I have so much sympathy for you and your family. I lost my 17yo nephew April 2005 and know what my brother and his wife have gone thru. I will have you in my prayers. It is a blessing to know he is in heaven with our Heavenly Father. God will carry you thru this. With sympathy, Sue

Sue Weir - July 15, 2006 at 03:06 PM

BN

“ Dear Anderson family,
I was a really good friend of Matts from school. I never really knew him as the quiet person everyone describes. Every time I saw him we would laugh and play around. I often left the yearbook class on errands for the teacher and made sure to stop by while his choir class played kickball to say hi to him. When we had to take pictures he stood by me and kept trying to make me laugh and look silly. Sometimes we talked after school or in between classes, but sadly the one class we had together he got out of. I have been praying for ya'll since Tuesday and shall continue to do so.

Matts friend,
Bailey Nicole Nicholas.

Bailey Nicholas - July 15, 2006 at 01:11 PM

CH

“ Anderson family,
Matt was a very sweet boy. Even though I didn't know him very well, I could tell that he was always kind to other people. He was in concert choir with me & he had a very good voice. I was shocked to hear him sing when Ms. Garza would make us sing out because since he was so quiet around us, I didn't know he could sing really well. Now I do. My family & I are keeping you & your's in our prayers.

Caroline Hymel - July 15, 2006 at 01:04 PM

TB

“ Matt was so full of light and love. He was a friend to both my boys, Parker and Hunter. They will miss him dearly. Hunter described him as one of his 'best' friends - I think Matt was a 'best' friend to all that he met and befriended. He was a wonderful kid; we are saddened by your loss, as well as the loss for all those who never got to meet such an outgoing and wonderful spirit. As parents, you both are responsible for raising such a wonderful addition to the human race, congratulations for that and know that he is now in peace.

The Brooks and Parker & Hunter Bond - July 15, 2006 at 08:09 AM

JK

“ Dear Anderson Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and our whole community mourns your loss.
Janet Kane

Janet Kane - July 14, 2006 at 11:52 PM

MD

“ Mike and Rita, We are at a loss for words to say so we turn to prayer and ask that God intervene to meet your needs. In the poem "Footprints" there is only one set of footprints in the sand where God has to carry us because our human feet just can't go forward without His help. God has his arms wrapped around you and the kids right now. Try to take comfort in His strength. We love you very much and are praying for you. Mike and Becky Deaton

Mike and Becky Deaton - July 14, 2006 at 11:20 PM

HG

“ We miss Matt so much. He was such a good friend to us. He always made us laugh. He always had some way of entertaining us, everytime that we saw him through out the school year. He was such a wonderfull artist. We are sorry that we wont get to see his drawings and hear him sing. We will also miss the secret code that we had together when we wrote notes back and forth. He was very smart and kind to anyone that crossed his path. To the Anderson family, we are so sorry for your loss. He truly was a great friend. He helped us with so much stuff. WE WILL MISS MATT, MATT, MATT SO MUCH! (THAT WAS OUR NICKNAME FOR HIM.)
-HEATHER ROCHELLE STRONG & ANDREA RACHELLE GIPSON

Heather Strong & Andrea Gipson - July 14, 2006 at 09:31 PM

CC

“ Matthew Anderson

Carissa Cruz - July 14, 2006 at 07:05 PM

KN

“ Mike and Rita and precious family,

Please know that we are very much on our knees for you tonight. I know that Montgomery is a new home for you and we pray that you have felt the love of God in the outpouring of tears, support, love, and strength for your family. My twin girls are Freshmen, and Taylor was in Concert Choir with Matt. They have such wonderful memories of this last year. Matt was a sweet, shy, smart young man that all who knew him 'knew' he was a friend for all time. Peace to you now and always. Sincerely,

Kim Newhouse

Kim Newhouse - July 14, 2006 at 06:36 PM

PB

“ Paul, Travis, Justin and myself are so deeply saddened by the loss of Matthew. His kindness and caring were unmatched in a soul his age.

We wil miss him greatly and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers now and always.

Paul, Tracy, Travis and Justin Bryant
Pflugerville TX

Paul & Tracy Bryant - July 14, 2006 at 06:20 PM

MS

“ Mike & Rita, We are so sorry for your loss. There is nothing in this world that can ever prepare you for the loss of a child but you both can rest assured that Matthew is in heaven with the angels. You are both such awesome parents. Matthew knew he was loved dearly and unconditionally and we hope that you may find some peace in that knowledge.

Mike & Debbie Shrewsbury - July 14, 2006 at 06:19 PM

TF

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Mark, Lisa, Marisa and Megan Sweeney

The Mark Sweeney Family - July 14, 2006 at 05:11 PM

MR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I can't begin to understand how you must feel, but just know that your entire family is in my prayers.

May God Bless you all.

Mike Ruffino - July 14, 2006 at 04:17 PM

RM

“ Mike & Rita,
We are so very sorry for your loss. It's hard to find the right words to say but we want you all to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you.

Ray, Nancy & Jeffrey Morphis - July 14, 2006 at 03:46 PM

JB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jana Bethel - July 14, 2006 at 03:07 PM

TB

“ Mike and Rita, Once again I am trying to find the words to say how sorry we are for your loss. Only a parent that has lost a child can feel what you are feeling the rest of us can only imagine the pain and sorrow. I found faith and strength I didn't realize that I had in this past year. I pray the you will find the same.
Laura and Terry

Terry and Laura Beal - July 14, 2006 at 02:10 PM

SL

“ Mike & Rita,
I am so very sorry for your loss and words are just to hard to come by. I just cannot begin to imagine the pain that you must be feeling, but God must have had better plans for Matthew and just know that he is in a better place.
May God bless and be with you and know that you are in my prayers as well.

Shirley Linahan - July 14, 2006 at 02:07 PM

SL

“ Mike & Rita,
I am so very sorry for your loss and words are just too hard to come by. I just cannot begin to imagine the pain that you must be feeling, but God must have had better plans for Michael and just know that he is in a better place.
May God bless and be with you and know that you are in my prayers as well.

Shirley Linahan - July 14, 2006 at 02:06 PM

GL

“ Rita, Mike and family,
Words are hard to come by right now for me. After losing my only daughter just 3 months ago, I unfortunately know how you are probably feeling right now. It's extremely tough now, but please know that each day will get a little bit easier to just go on breathing because Matthew was an absolutely AWESOME boy. A true good soul! Jake and Matthew were good friends from the very beginning! His bashfulness only added to his charm. He is and will always be missed and loved. God bless and we miss you all!!!!
Gayle and Jerry Lilley

Gayle and Jerry Lilley - July 14, 2006 at 10:47 AM

JL

“ matthew wasn't in the "in crowd", but he was a perfect friend to me. so kind hearted and loving. his love spread around to people who hardly knew him. if there was one person that didn't fit it, matt would make friends with them. he was one of the best friends that i have ever have. i miss u matt

jake lilley - July 14, 2006 at 10:35 AM

BL

“ Mike, I can't begin to understand how you might feel due to your loss. I never knew your children but having my own I know this is a tremendous tragedy. Please accept my deepest and sincere condolences for your loss. When reading your email I teared up when you mentioned he was with his Lord that evening. Yes he is in a much better place. One day we all will be with our loved ones with God for eternity.

Bruce

Bruce Long - July 14, 2006 at 09:22 AM

TW

“ We are saddened by your loss. We join our friends and family in praying for your entire family.

Resident of Grand Lake Estates

The Wallaces - July 13, 2006 at 04:51 PM