



Matthew Timothy Savord

April 14, 1994 - July 20, 2024

Matthew (Iccee) Savord, was a fierce, strong-willed man who was loved deeply by his family and the community who raised him. Matthew passed away after being fatally struck by a vehicle on the Ohio Turnpike on Saturday, July 20.

Matthew was born in Toledo, Ohio on April 14, 1994 and adopted by his parents, Peter and Kathy Savord. An active, creative, and imaginative child, Matthew would often be found playing Star Wars with his older sister Mary-Pat or "Monster" with his dad. Additionally, he adored Bear, his stuffed animal from early childhood, and would take Bear on all his adventures, even into adulthood.

"Matthew loved 100," his sister said. He was protective of his family, and when he was in, he was ALL IN. He enjoyed connecting with people and wanted to be a good friend. He loved to camp, visit new places, travel to see his family, listen to music, and laugh at funny videos.

Matthew is the epitome of the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." At an early age, Matthew was diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Bi-Polar Disorder, and later with Schizophrenia. He struggled and persevered through many hardships with the help of a deeply committed family who advocated passionately for mental health services and support throughout his

lifetime. In addition, an extensive community helped raise Matthew and loved him for who he was, and the family is and will be forever grateful for all the support and love they have received. The family would like to specifically thank Sunshine Children's Home for being instrumental in Matthew's early childhood, Cindy Kline for supporting him throughout his education and being the key to his graduating high school, and John Grant for helping him find his footing in adulthood.

Matthew was preceded in death by his father, Peter, and grandparents. He is survived by his mother, Kathy, sister, Mary-Pat (Gabriel), and numerous extended family members.

A visitation will be held at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo OH 43614 on Sunday, July 28 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A Funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi University Parish, 2955 Dorr St., Toledo, OH 43607 on Monday, July 29 at 9:00 am. Interment will be private.

The family requests any tributes be made to You First by Grant Services or Sunshine Children's Home. And mostly, the family requests you honor Matthew by sharing kindness with another, as Matthew taught us that we are all deserving of unconditional kindness.

Please view Matthew's video tribute and leave a condolence message at www.CoyleFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **28.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Mass

JUL **29.** 9:00 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi University Parish
2955 Dorr St
Toledo, OH 43607

Tribute Wall

SH

“ I am so sad to this! I met Matthew first at Sunshine group home. I worked with one of his roommates. He was very concerned I didn't cause his friend more pain when I was doing treatments. When I started Special Olympics, Matt joined. He was a good athlete and often tried to coach younger kids. He was pretty competitive with his peers. Any time I happening see Matt after he graduated he gave me one of those big hugs. Kathy, I watched you go through a lot after his Dad passed. Matt got thru that rough time because your deep love for him. Prayers will continue for your family. May you feel the Lord holding you during this grief.

Sue Hess - July 27, 2024 at 12:54 PM

LL

“ Laura L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Timothy Savord.

Laura L. - July 27, 2024 at 12:20 PM

FF

“ From, Rayoka Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Matthew Timothy Savord.



From, Rayoka Family - July 27, 2024 at 09:03 AM

CL

“ Matthew will surely be missed by everyone that knew him. We would have numerous conversations about Wrestlemania, Star Wars, Ninja and Music. When he would listen to his music (with his headphones on), You knew what he was listening to cause you could hear it through his headphones. We loved celebrating the main holidays with Matt. He also loved our yearly camping, boating trips. When he was younger, he would spend hours clearing the brush at the campsite with his light saber. I remember numerous times when he was sad or frustrated about something, he would ask me if he could talk to me and we would go off somewhere and have a conversation about his issue. Matthew was one of a kind and will always have a special place in our hearts. When Matt was passionate about an issue, he could talk about it for hours. We will miss his huge hugs whenever we were together. He would never leave without giving us one of his iconic hugs. We love you and you will be deeply missed. Aunt Cindy and Uncle Greg

Cindy Luken Larson - July 26, 2024 at 11:30 PM

TP

“ Very saddened to hear of this. I was there the first day Matt and Bear came to the Sunshine Home. We had this instant connection. He had the warmest smile ever, and he always addressed me as his 2nd mom. I remember us just hanging out in his room watching him play his video games and babysitting bear. He had a very kind and caring spirit. My condolences and prayers to you Kathy, Mary Pat and your family

Tasha Parnell - July 26, 2024 at 09:00 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO PREVIEW



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - July 26, 2024 at 11:52 AM

MB

“ *I was working in the group home Matt came to during his start with Sunshine. We instantly bonded over our love of Star Wars and Video games which we spent many a happy hour playing in his room. I got to watch him grow and develop and am deeply saddened to hear of his death. I will miss the infectious smile and the only person who could hug as hard as me. All my love to his family.*

Michael Brown - July 25, 2024 at 03:33 PM

RS

“Kathy, Mary Pat, you were the best mom and sister to Matthew. Your strength and guidance helped to make his life obstacles easier. Peter was the gentle soul who helped Matt find his playful side. Pete's soft voice was welcome during difficult times. Later, Gabe came into your lives. He was a wonderful role model and the brother Matt always wanted.

I have many memories of Matt over the years. He could not stand it when someone was talking to Kathy, and he wanted to tell her something. I forever will hear, "mom, mom, MOM" :) I remember Matt coming over to my house to decorate Christmas cookies. He would leave with frosting all over himself (just like the other kids) and a huge smile on his face because he had his own plate of cookies to take with him. Matt and I shared pizza and raided mom's M&N's on more than one occasion, (sorry mom). Matt had a 100 watt smile when he was happy or a sly grin when he was being a little mischievous. I will remember his excitement getting the kids meal and wearing his Burger King crown. He was always hopeful that the kids prize would really be something expensive vs a plastic trinket. He was disappointed every time. I still see Matt swimming in my pool and shooting baskets pool side. He had a pretty good shot! Matt loved Pokémon cards and considered himself a bit of an expert. I just pretended I was interested and knew what he was talking about. Those conversations were way above me. Matt taught us how to be better listeners. His message was not always clear and additional questions needed to be asked.

I will remember most the love he had for his family and four legged friends. They were his rock and they worked tirelessly to help Matt. All the doggies loved snuggling with him and would often "tuck" him in at night when he was young. They could feel that Matt needed a little extra love at times.

Matt, I hope you are free of your burdens. It is time for you to rest. I will miss you. Love Becky

Rebecca L Schmidt - July 25, 2024 at 07:52 AM

KJ

“ I met Matt working at Tps School. He was fun an amusing. I appreciate his heart. He had a lot of love for people. He would tell me” Mrs Kim you shouldn’t wear your phone like that” Nobody else told me that but” Matt”. He is a one of a kind person. Matt we are really going to miss you. z Love you. Your friend Kim Johnson 🥺

Kimberli Johnson - July 25, 2024 at 12:30 AM

CS

“ I had the privilege of working with Matt when he was young, he was a special guy with a great heart. His family was always for him 1000 percent, they were tremendous advocates and loving support. My love and prayers for Matt family.

Carol Shull - July 24, 2024 at 09:18 PM

CK

“ Matthew was a truly creative and bright young man. Kathy, Peter and Mary Pat loved him tremendously and dedicated themselves to providing the best possible life for him. Their efforts were endless and their support ever constant. Prayers for Kathy and Mary Pat to feel God's presence through such a heart wrenching experience. May Matthew be at peace now.



Christine Keran - July 24, 2024 at 02:21 PM

AN

“ I did not know Matthew, I've only read his beautiful obituary and wanted to send my condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones.



Andrea - July 24, 2024 at 12:36 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeremy Atkins - July 24, 2024 at 09:38 AM

JA

“ I had the pleasure of working with him while He attended Westfield the good times that we shared the growth and everything in between challenging yet so rewarding. I'm gonna miss you Matt the big hugger, my guy

Jeremy Atkins - July 24, 2024 at 09:34 AM

MC

“ You will be remembered Matthew and always hold a spot in my heart. Be at peace now young man ❤️

mary cornell - July 23, 2024 at 09:22 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Timothy Savord.*



July 23, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ *All my love, Cindy Kline planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Timothy Savord.*

All my love, Cindy Kline - July 23, 2024 at 12:37 PM