



Matthew J. Knotts

December 29, 1968 - April 25, 2020

Matthew Joseph Knotts, 51, of Dayton, OH, went to be with the Lord on April 25, 2020. He was born on December 29, 1968, in Lima, OH. Matt graduated from Wapakoneta High School in 1987 and went on to proudly serve in the US Marine Corps for six years. He is survived by his parents, Gary and Linda Knotts of Wapakoneta. He was blessed with two daughters, Abby (Cory) Smith of South Park, PA, Bobbie Knotts (Tom Hahne) of White Oak, PA, and 2 granddaughters, Gabriella and Gracie. Survivors also include 2 sisters, Julie (Tony) Huelskamp of Wapakoneta and Vicki (Eric) Janssen of Huntsville, AL, and uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Matt was a loving son, father, grandfather, and brother. He enjoyed being with his family and friends.

Because of the Covid-19 Virus, there will be no public visitation or funeral service. Graveside services will be held for the family at the Walnut Hill Cemetery near New Hampshire, OH. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta, OH at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VA Medical Center, Dayton, Ohio, Building 410.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Hill Cemetery

St. Rt. 385
New Hampshire, OH

Tribute Wall

KS

“ Hi Gary and Linda. Through researching on Ancestry.com genealogy I just read that Matt passed away in April. I was so sorry to read this. I know you both must be heartbroken. I have fond memories of Matt at family gatherings. Matt was certainly a nice looking man. Please know that I am keeping you and your family in my prayers. Both of my parents (Herb and Dorothy) have passed away, dad in 2014 and mom in 2016. I and my family are doing well. Respectively, Mike and Karen (Krogh) Schaffer.

karen schaffer - September 04, 2020 at 11:42 AM

LC

“ Gary and I are saddened by your loss. Too young...God remains in control and His love will see you through. We love you

Linda Cook - May 05, 2020 at 07:32 PM

MK

“ Had many great times with Matt running the neighborhood of Cole and Stinebaugh Drive in grade-school and watching Matt burn up a couple of his cars in high-school. Somehow got ourselves in trouble on numerous occasions with our "powerful" little bb rifles. All Matt's ideas of course! I have only talked and seen Matt a few times since graduating. Doesn't mean it is not painful and sad to hear of him passing too early in life. Matt always had the same excitement and enthusiasm as I remember in school. My prayers and thoughts go out to Matt's family during this tough loss.

Mark Knarr

Mark Knarr - May 01, 2020 at 09:06 AM

JF

“ Julie Fought lit a candle in memory of Matthew J. Knotts



Julie Fought - May 01, 2020 at 12:32 AM

JF

Our deepest condolences for Gary and family. God's speed Matthew.

Julie & Gary Fought - May 01, 2020 at 12:37 AM

SI

i am so sorry to hear of Matt's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all

Sally Imondi - May 01, 2020 at 10:29 AM

AK

“ *My condolences to your family. Matt was a good friend with an infectious laugh. He will be missed by many friends in Texas.*

Adriana Kahrs - April 30, 2020 at 11:50 AM

ML

“ *Prayers and sympathy for your loss. 🙏 Miriam Lynch*

Miriam Lynch - April 30, 2020 at 09:04 AM

DE

“ *Your family has our sincere sympathy. Lifting you up in thought and prayer as you grieve this tremendous loss.*

Jim and Diane Elshire

Wapakoneta, Ohio

Diane M Elshire - April 29, 2020 at 09:33 PM

KK

“ *Matt was one of the most charming people I have ever met. He easily made friends no matter where he went. He had an infectious laugh and smile! He loved to whistle when he was happy which always brought a smile to my face. He was incredibly generous and had a loving heart. He was strong in his faith so I know he was welcomed into heaven with open arms. I have some fabulous memories that I will always treasure. He will never be forgotten and will always be loved.*



Kayla Knotts - April 29, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew J. Knotts.*



April 29, 2020 at 12:58 PM

CM

“ *Matthew had a sweet spirit and a big smile! He had a hug ready for all around him. He was the apple of his grandmother's eye. Now they are together, once again!*
Love, Aunt Co



Colette McGinnis - April 29, 2020 at 09:46 AM


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“ *To the goofiest, silliest man out there. You're stronger than the struggles you've had. Bobbie and I will spend the rest of our lives honoring the dedication and perseverance you had. You were so excited to meet your grandson due in September. I can't wait til I can get one of those bear hugs one day again.*

*Love you, always and forever,
Mac*



Abby Smith (Knotts) - April 29, 2020 at 07:15 AM

 Katie Westcott

*I wasn't privileged to know Matt, but you, Linda, are a precious Christian sister who i love and care deeply about. You have had so much to deal with. Please know I am praying for you, Gary, and other family members. God will be in your midst. * Katie*

Katie Westcott - May 01, 2020 at 06:58 PM

TH

Linda, I am so very sorry to hear that you and Gary have experienced such a loss I will keep you close to my heart and in my prayers. May God give you the strength you need at this time

Tina Helmstetter - May 01, 2020 at 10:56 PM