



Matthew John Coffey

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Matthew J. Coffey, age 69, of Lewes, Delaware, passed away on April 20, 2024, shortly after a diagnosis of gastric cancer.

Born on February 24, 1955, in New York, New York, to the late Matthew and Joan Coffey, Matt was a devoted husband to his beloved wife Valerie, his high school sweetheart, whom he married on November 13, 1976, in Copiague, NY. Together they shared a lifetime of love and memories. Matt was a loving father to his children, Tricia and Matthew, and their spouses, Jason and Cristina. He adored his four grandchildren, Angelina, Christopher, Matthew, and Alexander and spoiled them with love and affection.

Professionally, Matt retired from the USPS after working many years as a mechanic, but his expertise was not limited to his profession. He worked tirelessly to renovate every home he owned, and he selflessly dedicated himself to helping others do the same.

When he wasn't working, Matt had an interest in cars and music. In quieter moments, he could be found playing one of his many guitars, but he was often at the center of social gatherings with family and friends, where his stories filled the room and brought joy to those around him. He had a quick wit and a contagious sense of humor that endeared him to all who knew him.

In addition to his immediate family, Matt is survived by his sister Cathy and her husband Ed, as well as his in-laws Angela, Theresa, Steven, and Michael, their spouses, and his nieces and nephews, who were dear to him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 11:00 AM at St. Jude the Apostle Church, 152 Tulip Dr #1689, Lewes, DE 19958, where family and friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Matt's memory to the Gastric Cancer Foundation, <https://secure.frontstream.com/gastriccancer/participant/NickFox>.



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Rest in peace, Matt. You will always be remembered with love and affection.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



Events


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Visitation

 **Friday, May 3, 2024**


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church**
152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE



Mass of Christian Burial

 **Friday, May 3, 2024**

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

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RD

Rene Dormany posted:

My deepest sympathy to my cousin Matthew's family. I have been reading all the wonderful compliments about Matthew and I hope they are bringing his family comfort. Matthew's parents, my Aunt Joan and Uncle Matt, were wonderful people so I am not surprised Matthew was such a fine person. I have nothing but wonderful memories about all my aunts and uncles in the Coffey family. and it doesn't matter if they were born in the family or married in they were all great. Love.your cousin Rene & Family

May 4 at 8:42 AM

JC

John Culmone posted:

Unfortunately we never met Matt, and sadly only met his son, Matt, for the first time last week following our own loss, despite Matt being an extended member of our family. We were very touched to see Matt come out and support us during such a difficult time for himself and his own family, and the gesture was greatly appreciated. Our hearts go out to you and your family. We are sorry that we cannot make it down to Delaware for the services, but we hope that a donation to the Gastric Cancer Foundation will make a difference in Matt's honor. With deepest sympathies, The Culmone Family Marianne, Johnny, Vinnie, Courtney, Elliot, and Paul

May 2 at 8:58 AM

CA

Chandler Ayers posted:

I was deeply saddened to hear of Matt's untimely death. I never met Matt, but I felt like I knew him based on the many stories Valerie shared with me throughout the years we worked together. I hope and pray that the fond memories of your time with Matt will continue to bring you comfort during this difficult time. My heart and prayers go out to the entire family.

May 1 at 7:55 AM



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Stuart Paine posted:

I have started writing something 20 times. Bottom line Matt was a decent person actually way more than a decent person who was taken too soon. I had the privilege to meet him through Val. I don't think I'm communicating any revelation when I say their marriage and relationship was unique, special and something ...to be quite honest... I was super jealous of...just kidding....kind of!! However you cannot be jealous for too long when coming across someone so honest and decent. I remember speaking with Val when she would tell me that post retirement Matt was back and forth between Virginia and Long Island to help care for his grandchildren....and ummmm build some stuff!!!! It was clear this was not a sacrifice or obligation but something they both relished. Anyway I can go on and on but I am certainly not going to share anything that the rest of you don't already know. I am not super religious but Heaven sure as hell gained an angel. My heart cries for Val, her children ,grandchildren, family and friends but rejoices in the memories they have a very special man.

April 30 at 6:16 PM



Love Tom & Mary Kay Stirparo sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Coffey family.



April 30 at 2:43 PM



Judi, Michael And Paul Harris planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Matthew.



April 30 at 10:19 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Coffey family.



April 30 at 10:19 AM



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Carol Cavallero posted:

Matt you will always be remembered by your friends Carol & Bob Cavallero at Nassau Grove. I remember first meeting you at a Clubhouse Event. You came over to us introduced yourself and said, "If you ever need anything just call me" and you continued to give us your cell number. That was our first introduction and you have always been such a wonderful neighbor and always in our hearts. May God keep you close and may you rest in peace. We will dearly miss you. Carol & Bob Cavallero

April 30 at 9:21 AM



Robert And Susan Bacon posted:

Matt was a wonderful friend and neighbor. We spent many hours together playing music and working on arrangements. His craftsmanship was incredible from his finished basement to an amazing deck. I am very grateful for the opportunity to form a friendship with Matt. May the road rise to meet you and the wind be always at your back. Rest in Peace my friend Bob and Sue Bacon

April 25 at 1:35 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Matthew by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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