



Matthew T. Rowan

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Matthew T. Rowan, age 44, passed away on August 19, 2025, at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, surrounded by loved ones. Born on March 19, 1981, he was the beloved son of Lynne Isaacs Rowan and the late Hugh Rowan.

Homeschooled and graduate of the Class of 1999, Matthew lived a life defined by hard work, creativity, and unwavering faith. He worked in masonry for over 15 years, where he developed a deep appreciation for craftsmanship, before transitioning into a successful career in restaurant management.

Matthew had a profound love for the outdoors—fishing was his favorite way to unwind and connect with nature. A gifted singer and guitarist, his passion for music led him to serve as the worship team leader for over a decade at Gateway Fellowship Church in Bridgeville, DE. His deep faith and generous spirit also carried him across the globe as he participated in mission work in Africa, Romania, Haiti, and Ukraine.

Known for his infectious laugh, playful spirit, and ability to make others smile, Matthew brought light and warmth to every room he entered. He was goofy, silly, loyal, and fiercely protective of his loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hugh Rowan, in 2014, his grandparents Joseph and Lillian Rowan, Earle and Mary Alice Isaacs.

Matthew is survived by his devoted wife of 17 years, Dorothy Rowan; his loving mother, Lynne Isaacs Rowan; his cherished children, Judah and Eden Rowan; and his siblings: Jennifer Rowan, Sarah Rowan-Hostetler, and Steven Rowan (Lauren). He also leaves behind his treasured nieces and nephews: Zach Rowan, Luke Rowan, Benjamin Rowan, Cadence Hostetler, Harbor Rowan, Haven Rowan, and Hadley Rowan; his tight-knit "mancation group" of lifelong friends; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family who will deeply miss him.



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A viewing will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958.

A Funeral Service will take place the following day, Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Eagles Nest Church, 26633 Zion Church Rd, Milton, DE 19968, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. The interment will be private.

Matthew's legacy of joy, music, service, and love will live on in all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to provide for the future care of his children :

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-matts-liver-transplant-journey>

Please sign the tribute wall at this site.

FLORIST NOTE - PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS TO THE LEWES LOCATION ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 BY 12PM.



Events

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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, August 27, 2025

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-
Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



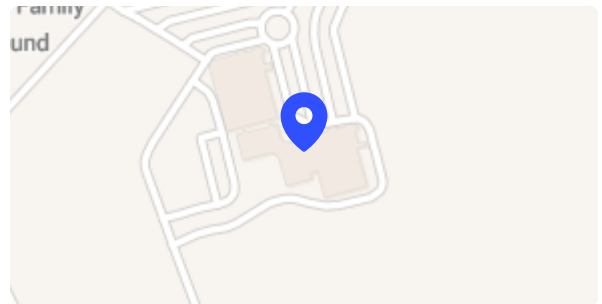
Funeral Service

 **Thursday**, August 28, 2025

 11:00 AM ET

 **Eagles Nest Fellowship Church**

26633 Zion Church Road, Milton DE





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Rowan family.

August 27 at 8:30 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Matthew.

August 27 at 8:30 AM



Aunt Christy & Uncle Joe sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Rowan family.

August 26 at 8:25 PM



Susan Isaacs Beck lit a candle in honor of Matthew.

August 26 at 3:55 PM



Susan Isaacs Beck posted:

Words can not express the sadness felt. Matty will always hold a special place in my heart. His sweet kind nature, the way he always wanted to help others, his talent for singing was a gift from an angel, his love for me - his aunt was beautiful and meant the world to me. My heart is broken...the loss is immeasurable as is his love. I do know I will always have a guardian angel looking down with love.

August 26 at 3:50 PM



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Ashlyn Graham lit a candle in honor of Matthew.

Matt was such a gentle spirit. He always made me feel safe and comfortable, even if we were just sitting together in silence. I remember being with him at my Aunt Lynne's crab feast not too long ago. There was never any pressure to talk about the big things in life. We could just sit and talk about little everyday things and it felt so peaceful. He would also encourage me and my siblings to try Dorothy's famous pretzel salad any chance he got!! A dish that will always make me think of him, his family, and Delaware. With his music, he taught me that you should never compromise on the things you love. At every special occasion, I knew I would be lucky enough to hear his beautiful voice. I will miss him so much. The last time I saw him was at Hunter and Julia's wedding, and the big, warm hug he gave me is something I will always carry with me. I love you, Matt, and I miss you deeply.



August 22 at 12:59 PM



Julia Howard posted:

Matt had a way of lighting up every room he entered. He exuded pure joy and love, and his infectious personality made me feel so welcomed into the family from the very first day I met him. To know him was to feel laughter, warmth, and a genuine kindness that will never be forgotten. One of my favorite memories of him is when he sang Frank Sinatra's song "My Way" at our engagement celebration. That song is very special to our family, so hearing his beautiful voice sing this was something I will always remember fondly.

August 25 at 2:17 PM



Hunter Graham lit a candle in honor of Matthew.

I love you more than I can say Matt. I've always looked up to you growing up. I will never forget jamming and listening to great music with you upstairs at Aunt Lynne's house. I will always think of you when I hear Dave Matthews' voice. Thank you for sharing your genuine love, kindness, and compassion with everyone you interact with. Keep on singing- we'll meet again one day for another jam session.



August 25 at 11:40 AM



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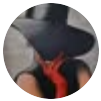
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Karen Wallace posted:

So sad to hear of Matty passing. Yet, I am rejoicing that he is in the presence of the Lord. My memories are of him doing whatever needed doing to get Arena's ready to open. I remember him playing practical jokes on the bartenders. Sweetest memory is of us singing worship songs together as we prepared to open the restaurant.

August 24 at 7:00 PM



Christy Taylormusic posted:

Oh my goodness, Mathew was an amazing youngster studying music with my location at Midway Village when I was just starting my music school. He and his siblings were my students for some time. His infectious light of love and generosity was clear when I saw him decades later as a father and entrepreneur in our community. I think I say Matt a few months ago in a store with his big smile and we hugged. I had no ideal Matt and wouldn't be able to see each other again. God called him home he did served his purpose in bringing people together. I am praying for his entire family. He will be missed but not forgotten. Christy Taylor Taylor Music Studios

August 24 at 6:12 PM



Chase Graham posted:

Matthew was my cousin but in some ways felt like a big brother to me. He played John Mayer's Neon on guitar when I was 10 and I thought he was the best guitar player of all time. The rest of my life I wanted to play like him. I loved Dave Mathew's band because of him, I loved guitar, lord of the rings and the Washington redskins because of him. I loved him and wanted to be like him. And miss him so much already

August 24 at 1:34 AM



Donna Kusman posted:

Dear Dorothy, I was so saddened to hear about Matt. He was such a wonderful, caring friend to my husband Kevin who passed away in 2007. I never forgot that, and have been following him on Facebook. Over the years he has sent me a note or two, which always touched my heart.

August 23 at 12:29 PM



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YS

Your Forever Loving Aunt - Susan sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Rowan family.

August 22 at 7:41 PM



YS

Your Forever Loving Aunt - Susan planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Matthew.

August 22 at 7:41 PM



TA

Tim Alviset lit a candle in honor of Matthew.

Sorry for your loss, he was always a great man to me

August 22 at 6:24 PM



MM

Mary Mccolley lit a candle in honor of Matthew.

He'd always quote from It's A Wonderful Life

August 22 at 12:59 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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