



Matthew Richard Choate

May 29, 1996 - May 23, 2024

Matthew Richard Choate, cherished son, devoted brother, beloved nephew, cousin and friend, passed away suddenly at the age of 27. He was born on May 29, 1996 in Mt. Clemens, Michigan to Richard and Teresa (nee Babcock) Choate. Matthew brought immense joy and love to those around him throughout his life. As a loving brother to Elizabeth Taylor Matthew's bond with his sister was unwavering, filled with shared memories and mutual support. Matthew is survived by aunts and uncles: Gary (Kelly) Choate, Mary Baker, and Carla (Jim) Gerner. Also his cousins: Sarah Kirksey, Brayden Kirksey, Norah Kirksey, Emily (Patrick) McGuckin, Kirsten McGuckin, Aiden McGuckin, Connor McGuckin, Jacob (Kristine) Choate and Kristian Choate.

As a youngster, Matthew and his family traveled all over the USA and had so many fun and memorable experiences together. In 2014, Matthew graduated from Stephenson High School in Sterling Heights, Michigan. He attended Macomb Community College and discovered the automotive program that fueled his love of engine design and repair. In 2016, he received his Associate of Applied Science degree in Automotive Technology. His experience at MCC allowed him to become a certified mechanic. He continued his automotive education at Ferris State University and in 2020 completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Automotive Engineering Technology. After graduation Matthew obtained his first automotive position at General Motors. His most recent GM position as an Engine Service Design Engineer in the Customer

Care and After Sales division allowed him to pursue his passion with engines as well as form strong bonds with those he worked with; he spoke highly of his team members and many others he had the opportunity to work with.

Matthew's passions were as diverse as they were profound. At home he could be found working on car and motorcycle engines; ask him a question about an engine and you lovingly knew you were in for a long discussion. He found freedom and exhilaration in riding his motorcycle, a pastime that allowed him to explore and connect with the world around him. He enjoyed mentoring friends in their motorcycle skills, often practicing in his large back yard. His enthusiasm for gun collecting was well-known, reflecting his keen interest in history, craftsmanship, and precision. In addition to his family, Matthew is survived by a close-knit group of friends he dearly loved as brothers and always looked forward to spending time with them. Matthew, who is lovingly known as Matt in his social circles, showed camaraderie and loyalty that are a testament to the deep and lasting relationships he cultivated. His friends and family will forever remember his smiling face, infectious laughter, crazy sense of humor, adventurous spirit and the warmth he brought into every room. Matthew's legacy is one of love, adventure, and dedication. He is so very loved and will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Matthew is preceded in death by his grandparents, Lester and Marion Babcock, Richard Sr. and Shirley Choate, and his brother-in-law, Max Taylor.

Visitation will take place on Friday, May 31, 2024 at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home (3 blocks East of Van Dyke Avenue) Utica from 2pm - 8pm. Visitation will continue on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 10am until the time of service at 11am at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke Avenue (just north of Hall Road on the eastside of Van Dyke Avenue), Utica.

In memory of Matthew family request donations to Trinity Lutheran Church - Utica at <https://www.trinityutica.com/give/>

Please share a memory with his family at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Instate

JUN 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall

VP

“ Vasko P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

Vasko P. - June 21, 2024 at 10:48 AM

KA

“ We were shop buddies, we could talk about anything and share meaningful experiences together. I will miss all the many more conversations we were supposed to have. Matt made many of my workdays better, I owe him many thanks for a calming voice and a great head on his shoulders. To my friend and colleague, a farewell far too soon. To Matt's parents, you raised a wonderful your man and you should be very proud.

Keith Armitage - May 31, 2024 at 08:16 AM

KA

To Matt's parents, you raised a wonderful young man and you should be very proud.

Keith Armitage - May 31, 2024 at 08:18 AM

JC

“ May the Lord fill Matt's family and friends with a peace that transcends all understanding! I met Matt through his friendship with my son Jake, super nice guy. Used to see him once in a while at a gig when the boys would come out to see the band. Had some great conversations with him! This is a tough one. Peace

John Czernel - May 30, 2024 at 11:12 PM

JN

“ Johnny N. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.



Johnny N. - May 30, 2024 at 10:10 PM

JN

“ Johnny N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

Johnny N. - May 30, 2024 at 10:10 PM

EO

“ Eileen O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

Eileen O. - May 30, 2024 at 01:22 PM

FD

“ From Rob and Susan Duke purchased the A Full Life for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.



From Rob and Susan Duke - May 29, 2024 at 07:07 PM

FD

“ From Rob and Susan Duke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

From Rob and Susan Duke - May 29, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.*



May 29, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ *Friends & co-workers at Pierce Mfg. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.*

Friends & co-workers at Pierce Mfg. - May 29, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy, Janene & Todd Lincoln planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.*

Deepest sympathy, Janene & Todd Lincoln - May 29, 2024 at 01:19 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy, Janene & Todd Lincoln purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.*



Deepest sympathy, Janene & Todd Lincoln - May 29, 2024 at 01:19 PM

LC

“ Linda Choate and Kenneth Richard Choate purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.



Linda Choate and Kenneth Richard Choate - May 29, 2024 at 11:12 AM

LC

“ Linda Choate and Kenneth Richard Choate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

Linda Choate and Kenneth Richard Choate - May 29, 2024 at 11:12 AM

LF

“ Love the Lombardo & Naeyaert Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.



Love the Lombardo & Naeyaert Family - May 29, 2024 at 11:07 AM

LF

“ Love the Lombardo & Naeyaert Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

Love the Lombardo & Naeyaert Family - May 29, 2024 at 11:07 AM

TF

“ Tami Figiel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.



Tami Figiel - May 29, 2024 at 10:06 AM

FF

“ From the Journeau Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.



From the Journeau Family - May 29, 2024 at 07:46 AM

AK

“ Matt was a wholesome person whom I had the pleasure of being friends with throughout high school. I'll never forget the times we spent together alongside our friend group back then. I'll forever cherish those memories. My prayers go out to you guys 🙏



angelo karim - May 29, 2024 at 06:13 AM

K(

“ Matt was my brother Eric's best friend. He was my favorite friend my brother had growing up, always so sweet & kind and a joy to be around. My family and I have spent many years being around Matt and we've had countless amazing memories with him. He will be dearly missed. Sending so much love, strength & prayers to Matt's family during this difficult time.

Katelynn Naeyaert (Lombardo) - May 28, 2024 at 10:35 PM

GT

“ GM MSID Propulsion Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

GM MSID Propulsion Team - May 28, 2024 at 09:18 PM

GT

“ GM MSID Propulsion Team purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.



GM MSID Propulsion Team - May 28, 2024 at 09:18 PM

SE

“ Samantha and Ed planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

Samantha and Ed - May 28, 2024 at 07:03 PM

SE

“ Samantha and Ed purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.



Samantha and Ed - May 28, 2024 at 07:03 PM

TB

“ So, so sorry for your family Richard. This is a tough one to handle. May you and Teresa find some peace. Luvya Bro.

thad balmas - May 28, 2024 at 06:08 PM

KL

“ With heavy heart, I say farewell to a wonderful colleague whose energy was truly contagious. Matt's insatiable desire to learn and grow was always a source of inspiration. His passion was obvious as he poured it into his work, particularly in his efforts to enhance our engine's design for service and supporting our dealer technicians in every possible way. As Matt settled into his role, his dedication became evident. His commitment to making things better resonated with all of us and left a lasting impact on our team. Getting to know Matt was a true pleasure, and his presence among us will be deeply missed. Rest in peace, dear friend, you will be remembered.

Kevin Luchansky - May 28, 2024 at 05:51 PM

KL

“ Kevin L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

Kevin L. - May 28, 2024 at 05:25 PM

MD

“ Michael & Linda Deprez purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.



Michael & Linda Deprez - May 28, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.* ”



May 28, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ *Matt was truly one of a kind and was someone I always looked forward to seeing and catching up with. His passion and attention to detail was truly impressive. As a fellow engineer, we always had plenty to talk about and overthink together. I will truly miss the energy he brought into a room when he was around.* ”

Mike Naeyaert - May 28, 2024 at 02:08 PM



“ *Dave Schneider & Callie Curtis purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.* ”



Dave Schneider & Callie Curtis - May 28, 2024 at 11:53 AM



“ *Mike Rudolph & family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.* ”




Mike Rudolph & family - May 28, 2024 at 10:14 AM

MF

“ Mike Rudolph & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

Mike Rudolph & family - May 28, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ Matt was such a sweetheart, and well rounded, handsome, smart, young man., and one of my son Eric's best friends. He was a joy to be around and we will miss him dearly. 



Julie Prill Lombardo - May 27, 2024 at 07:44 PM

KC

“ Matthew, you lit up the room with your smile, and you were so easy to talk to. Truly a fine young man and we will miss you. Uncle Gary and Aunt Kelly

Kelly Choate - May 27, 2024 at 03:47 PM

CS

“ What a beautifully written tribute to Matthew. I wish we could have met him. He will no doubt be loved and missed forever.

Carole Currie Shealy - May 27, 2024 at 01:52 PM

LD

“ Liz D lit a candle in memory of Matthew Richard Choate



Liz D - May 27, 2024 at 12:36 AM

DL

“ Dean Lombardo lit a candle in memory of Matthew Richard Choate



Dean Lombardo - May 26, 2024 at 08:57 PM

RT

“ Rob T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

Rob T. - May 26, 2024 at 08:42 PM

IS

“ Isa, Kate, Kaycie, Tyler Z, Justin S planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

Isa, Kate, Kaycie, Tyler Z, Justin S - May 26, 2024 at 08:32 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.



May 26, 2024 at 08:32 PM

JT

“ Jason and Eric Trandell purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.



Jason and Eric Trandell - May 26, 2024 at 07:22 PM

NS

“ Navtej “Tubzz” Singh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

Navtej “Tubzz” Singh - May 26, 2024 at 07:03 PM

NS

“ Navtej “Tubzz” Singh purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.



Navtej “Tubzz” Singh - May 26, 2024 at 07:03 PM

TK

“ Thomas Knox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

Thomas Knox - May 26, 2024 at 06:25 PM

TK

“ Thomas Knox purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.



Thomas Knox - May 26, 2024 at 06:25 PM

DZ

“ *Dj zalovaka purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.*



Dj zalovaka - May 26, 2024 at 05:56 PM

DZ

“ *Dj zalovaka planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.*

Dj zalovaka - May 26, 2024 at 05:56 PM

SK

“ *My sweet Matthew. You will be missed beyond measure. I am so grateful and blessed for being able to grow up with you and for the bond we shared and the wonderful memories we made. We love you so, so very much. Always.*

Sarah, Bray, and Norah

Sarah Kirksey - May 26, 2024 at 05:22 PM

CG

“ *We love you so very much, Matthew.
Auntie and Uncle Jim*

Carla Gerner - May 26, 2024 at 05:14 PM

GS

“ Gerry & Sam purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Matthew Richard Choate.



Gerry & Sam - May 26, 2024 at 04:53 PM

GS

“ Gerry & Sam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Choate.

Gerry & Sam - May 26, 2024 at 04:53 PM