



Matthew Christopher Garrepy

March 27, 1998 - April 2, 2023

Matthew Christopher Garrepy, a true Florida Native and resident of Bushnell, FL passed away on April 2nd, 2023, at the age of 25 years. He was born to Kevin Garrepy and Christina (Nelson) Hale on March 27th, 1998, in Leesburg, FL. He was a graduate from the University of Florida, achieving a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. Matthew was an Administrative Assistant and Research Coordinator in the Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, College of Public Health and Health Professions at his graduating university.

He always had his sights set on success, from the time he was a Boy Scout and achieving the title of Eagle Scout, to graduating from the top Florida university, to learning to play the guitar and saxophone, to recently tackling the Spanish language and much more.

Matthew was an extremely hard worker and was devoted to anything he set his mind to. He loved to stay active and keep himself busy. Matt would longboard every Friday with his fiancée D'Anna and friends, and train at his local Jiu Jitsu gym five days a week. Matthew was incredibly artistic in nature, he would draw everyday and was creating an animated show with his best friends Micah and Paxton. He also enjoyed cooking, making dishes ranging from Southern American to Colombian to Korean cuisine, he never backed down from the challenge.

Being one grade above his little sister, Katie Garrepy, in school, he always set the bar high for her entering all of his past classes—every teacher knew the name Garrepy and were excited they would have another Garrepy in their

classroom. Matthew made an impression on everyone he met, always giving them his undivided attention and making everyone he met feel special and cared for. He never met a stranger and had a heart for others.

Matthew was preceded in passing by his grandfathers, Donald Nelson and Earle Garrepy.

Those left to celebrate and remember Matthew's life are his parents: Christina "Christy" Hale (step-father, Larry) of Bushnell, FL and Kevin Garrepy of Orlando, FL; his sister: Katie Garrepy (Ryan) of Jacksonville, FL; his step-siblings: Ricky Bates (Chris) of Orlando, FL and Troy Hale of Fort Meyers, FL; his loving fiancée: D'Anna Lopez of Gainesville, FL; his grandmothers: Sylvia Nelson and Gail Garrepy; and several aunts, uncles, and extended family and friends. He was loved by many and will be missed dearly.

A visitation will take place on Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, from 4-6 PM at Purcell Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home, of Bushnell, FL. A Memorial Mass honoring Matthew's life will take place on Thursday, April 13th, 2023, at 11 AM at St. Lawrence Catholic Church of Bushnell, FL, with Father Pedro officiating. Matthew will be laid to rest at Evergreen Cemetery of Bushnell, FL following the services.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Purcell Chapel
114 W Noble Ave
Bushnell, FL 33513
(352) 793-4531

Funeral Mass

APR **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
320 E. Dade Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew Christopher Garrepy*



Beyers Funeral Home - April 11, 2023 at 08:30 AM

LW

“ *Matthew, I never had the pleasure of meeting you, but have been friends with your father since we were both 12 yrs old. I know you must've been a very talented artist genuinely, as your father used to draw Garfield so effortlessly in the school cafeteria at lunch time. Your uncle Scott and Aunt Michele are awesome people I knew from our times at Stanton College Prep School. I know you are shining down on your family and loved ones. You are much loved. You and your sister Katie are special to me, because you are SO SPECIAL to your dad Kevin and he is So Special to my life. Fly free dear Matt.*

Liz Wright - February 15, 2025 at 07:55 PM

MW

“ Dear Kevin and family,
My sincere condolences to you with the passing of Matthew.
May you keep all the good memories of your dear son in your heart
forever.

Maureen (Kilcline) Whitman
cousin of his grandmother, Gail Garrepy

MAUREEN ANN WHITMAN - April 16, 2023 at 09:07 PM

UO

“ UF PPHP Dean's Office purchased the Simply El
egant Spathiphyllum for the family of Matthew
Christopher Garrepy.



UF PPHP Dean's Office - April 12, 2023 at 02:06 PM

AB

“ Praying and thinking of you guys, Matthew
was such a sweet heart. We are blessed to
have had him in TN with us for Christmas the
year we went with Mom. It's not good bye it's
see you later, he will be there with open arms
when the time comes . Sending big hugs and lots of love !



April Bryant - April 11, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Christopher Garrepy.*



April 11, 2023 at 02:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Matthew Christopher Garrepy.*



April 11, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ *I can certainly relate to how Katie's teachers felt seeing another "Garrepy" on the class list as I taught Matthew's father Kevin, his uncle Scott, and aunts Michele and Sharon and claim his uncle Brian as mine too. To Kevin and all who love Matthew, I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. By all accounts he was a fine young man. As they say, the apple does not fall far from the tree. I wish for all peace and strength as you move through the difficult days ahead. The Garrepy family will always have a place in my heart, and my heart hurts because I know they are hurting.*

Carlan Shreve

Carlan Shreve - April 10, 2023 at 01:30 PM

MS

So sorry to hear of the loss of your son Matthew. My heartfelt sympathy to you, Kevin and your family during this difficult time.

MaryJane Smithgall

MaryJane Smithgall - April 10, 2023 at 01:42 PM

JB

I'm so sorry for the loss of your son, Matthew. Kevin and I used to talk about him all of time and the love he had for both Matthew and Katie Bug. Growing up with all of the Garrepy's I have a great love of all of them and my heart breaks for your entire family. My love and deepest sympathies for you Kevin and all of your family.

Jennifer Loftin Boggs

Jennifer Boggs - April 10, 2023 at 07:51 PM

CK

“ *Dear Kevin,
I am so very sorry for the loss of your son, Matthew.
Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Take good care.
Charlene Kilcline*

Charlene Kilcline - April 08, 2023 at 07:17 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Christopher Garrepy.*



April 07, 2023 at 07:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew Christopher Garrepy.*



April 07, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ *Matthew was an incredible guy, I knew him mostly from training jiu jitsu with him, and he was a rare bird. Very early after he started, I recall him and i "rolling" together, and after our slap/bump to get started, that man flew at me like a wombat! next thing i know I've got this guy all over me! He had such intensity and grit and determination, He was tough, and dogged, with a tremendous work ethic. He was truly a one of a kind guy who had a magnetic personality and great sense of humor. He was always surrounded by people smiling and laughing. Losing him is the worst kind of hole in my heart. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones. They broke the mold when they made him. He will be sorely missed.*

Craig Sainz - April 07, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ *I have such a heavy heart about the passing of Matthew. He was such a great kid that turned into a wonderful man. I enjoyed having him in my 1st grade class and as my cat sitter when I had to go out of town. He will be missed. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Donna Bennett - April 07, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Christopher Garrepy.*



April 07, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Christopher Garrepy.*



April 07, 2023 at 09:08 AM