



Eric Charles Matthews

October 21, 2004 - May 11, 2021

It is with great sadness, that we announce the unexpected passing of our son, Eric Charles Matthews, on May 11, 2021, at the young age of 16.

Eric was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on October 21, 2004, to John (Jay) F. Matthews, Jr. and Lana M. Matthews. He was welcomed to the world by his parents, his only brother, Jonathan H. Matthews, and his grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Eric was a sophomore at Coon Rapids High School in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. He was a straight A student taking advanced and college level courses. His favorite class was AP Music Theory wherein he excelled and broke the class curve. Eric was a recently inducted National Honor Society Member. In addition to his studies, Eric began his first job recently working at Cullens Ice Cream in Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

Eric was brilliant in so many ways and excelled in mathematics and music. He was an extremely talented violinist, self-taught pianist, prolific composer, and natural athlete. Eric loved playing baseball and golf. In Little League, he was a homerun hitter and had the joy of winning his division's championship. Eric loved fishing, the beach, manual labor, nature, bike riding, and the 4th of July.

And of course, he was so much more than his accomplishments. Eric was a gentle soul who exhibited compassion, generosity, and kindness to all. He exuded determination and drive to succeed in all he did, and inspired others to

do the same. He had a natural curiosity to learn and share himself with all he met. Eric shared his time with many by volunteering at the Middle Schools and performing in community events. Eric did not seek glory for himself; however, he genuinely enjoyed helping and sharing his time with others. Eric blessed so many people.

Eric is dearly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his parents, John (Jay) F. Jr. and Lana M. Matthews and his only brother, Jonathan H. Matthews, as well as his dog, Tundra and cat, Hemingway. He is also survived by his grandparents, Linda and Charles Wolf, John and Jackie Matthews, and Lori Pieper. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Ronald Pieper. Eric is survived by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins as well as numerous extended family members. God loaned Eric to us for just a short time, and we continue to be blessed for having had him in our lives. We know we will be with Eric again in heaven. For we have this promise from God: "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 NLT

Funeral service to be held Saturday, May 22nd at 12:30PM at Living Word Christian Center, 9201 75th Ave N. Minneapolis, MN 55428. Visitation beginning at 11:30AM. Interment to follow at Morningside Memorial Gardens in Coon Rapids.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to our GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/f77f5d59>. The family is planning to establish a music scholarship in his name to honor Eric's memory.

A video of Eric playing Hadyn's Violin Concerto in G Major for his State of Minnesota Violin Audition may be found at:

<https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Eric-Matthews/#!/PhotosVideo>

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Cemetery Details

Morningside Memorial Gardens

11800 University Avenue NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Living Word Christian Center
9201 75th Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55428

Church Service

MAY 22. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Living Word Christian Center
9201 75th Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55428

Graveside Service

MAY 22. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember all of our silly inside jokes. Like the time during student services when we were putting up posters and it should've taken us like 5 minutes, but we spent the whole class period walking around the school and laughing at every little thing that happened. Or when we were stalking the food shelf and there was this random bag of potatoes and it became our inside joke to yell "potato" at each other every time we saw each other. In fact, that was the last thing I ever said to you at a football game freshman year . I wish I got to give you a proper goodbye, and I wish we could've gone to the same highschool. I wish we could guess what fruit the office lady was going to put in the water this time. I wish you could give me advice again or help me with my math homework. You were one of the funniest and smartest kids I ever knew. I will miss you...so,so much.
-Alison

Alison Hofmann - May 25, 2021 at 10:07 AM

JD

“ Lana and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Eric's passing. Please know that you will all be in my prayers.
God Bless you,

Jim Demgen - May 21, 2021 at 10:17 PM

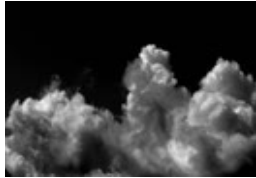
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“ Eric was an old soul from the start. His sweet manner, quiet sense of humor and amazing mind and musical abilities are what I hold close to my heart. My fellow science nerd! Love and miss you darling boy.
-Aunt Rhonda

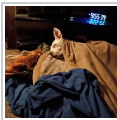
Rhonda J Mesko - May 20, 2021 at 09:26 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Violin Audition



Abby - May 19, 2021 at 11:04 AM



This is so beautiful. Thank you so much for sharing. To all of Eric's family and friends, I'm so sorry. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Eric was a remarkable kid and he will missed by so many.

Marcie Hofford Svtoris - May 19, 2021 at 06:12 PM

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“ Eric loved July Fourth. He delighted in all the fireworks 🌟 when Eric would receive a gift, he was so sweet in his response. “That was so generous of you. “ He played Monopoly like no one else. He may have been undefeated. ❤️ Eric had a very gentle spirit that was evident to all who knew him. He poured himself into his music. So much talent. I know he's home but there is a huge hole in my heart. Gramma will see you again. 🌟❤️

Linda Wolf - May 18, 2021 at 06:33 PM