



Matthew Charles Behlke

June 14, 1982 - February 7, 2023

We are so very sad that Matthew has gone to live in heaven. At the tender age of 40, he should be here with us for a very long time. Our hearts are broken and we will miss him forever. Matthew is survived by his wife, Mary, his 'little monster', Olivia, stepsons Michael and Adrian Strand, dog Queenie, Mom Roberta Behlke, Dad and Stepmom Tom and Judy Behlke, mother-in-law Luella Lawson, brother Ian and his wife Rachel, sister Holly and her husband Matt along with their children Olen and Inno.

Matt leaves behind his Uncle Steve (Sheryl) Behlke, Aunt Ona (Elverne) Gustafson, Aunt Olene Bigelow, Uncle Floyd(Shelley)Hanson, Uncle George Hanson and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Louree Behlke and Olger and Margaret Hanson, Aunt Julie Poisson, Uncle Orland Hanson, Aunt Arliss Hanson and Uncle Larry Bigelow.

Matthew was an active child - much like his little monster. So many stories of him as a little one growing up, first in our little starter house in Crystal, then Brooklyn Park, Maple Grove and then Monticello. Matt was not a fan of school - right from the beginning. At one time, going to daycare became a real downer for him and he wanted to know why Mary Poppins couldn't come to live with us. When at a stoplight, a truck with an Iowa license plate was in front of us and he said "I bet those tests are in there!". IA basics were a source of great stress for him. He would sit and watch all of the cars drive by his elementary school and when he asked why we couldn't stay home, the

explanation of 'everyone has to go to work and school' didn't fly as he pointed out that all of those people driving around were NOT in school OR at work. When Matthew moved to Monticello, his teacher in Maple Grove was very concerned for him. "He has the biggest, most tender heart". Of course, we already knew that.

Matt loved dogs and cats. He had many over the years. Copper was his first orange cat. Screwball his second. Brandy the Irish Setter was constantly by his side. One day the service door to the garage was left open and the garage door was opened. We lived on Winnetka with very busy traffic. Matt was 2 years old. Walked outside and see him and Brandy at the end of the driveway on the sidewalk. Matt was talking animatedly to Brandy. Standing with hands on his hips, pointing out items of interest and talking away to her. She was intently watching him - I am sure she knew what he was saying. It was 2 year old gibberish to anyone else. Very carefully attracting the dog with the mention of treats and hoped he followed to prevent them both from running off into traffic. So many stories...I can't tell them all here. Matthew has been greeted by all of his pets at the rainbow bridge - absolutey no question.

Matt started his career at Cub Foods in Monticello when he was 16. He changed his employer last fall - didn't go too far though - to Lunds and Byerly's. Matt loved to work - or he loved making money probably more so. Not unlike one of his uncles, he could pinch a penny and make Lincoln squirm. Fishing was his hobby of choice although he was never able to make as much time as he needed to be able to enjoy it enough. Olivia was his life. When she was first born, he wanted to stay home and just take care of her. He didn't want to go back to work. He didn't want to leave his little peanut - oh if life could only afford us those luxuries!

Matthew was a wonderful son, father, and husband. Our lives have a huge

hole that will never be filled. Matthew, we love you so!

We will be holding a gathering to celebrate Matthew's life on Saturday, February 18, at 3 pm. Visitation begins at 2 pm. Please know Matt was a casual guy....dress in your Saturday clothes. He might even suggest come as you are which could be fun but we'll go with casual Saturday :-). We will have sandwiches, coffee, and some sweets following - roughly around 3:45. We hope that you can stick around as we want to be able to see each of you that are able to come. Services are at Washburn-McReavy, Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 W Broadway, Crystal, MN 55429. In lieu of flowers, please donate to <http://fishingclinicsforkids.com/> OR your local Take a Kid Fishing program OR the charity of your choice. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Missing You Always

You never said I'm leaving

You never said good-bye

You were gone before we knew it

And only God knows why

In life we loved you dearly

In death we love you still

In our hearts we hold a place

That only you can fill

It broke our hearts to lose you

But you didn't go alone

A part of us went with you

The day God took you home

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 18. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Reception

FEB 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Tribute Wall

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“ *This is such a beautiful gift to those who didn't know your dear son but stumbled upon it anyhow. From one mom with a child in Heaven to another, may you be comforted by the great care of God and held closely as you grieve.* ”

Megan Hughes - February 22, 2023 at 09:31 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Charles Behlke.* ”



February 16, 2023 at 07:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew Charles Behlke.* ”



February 16, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Matthew Charles Behlke.* ”



February 15, 2023 at 11:21 PM

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“ *There is nothing harder in this world than to lose someone you love so much. It doesn't seem real. Especially a sudden passing. Grief is hard. It is a long process. It doesn't go away it just becomes different as time passes. Love each other, lean on each other. God is at your side.
Love Rebecca Pitzer.*

Rebecca - February 15, 2023 at 06:51 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Charles Behlke.*



February 14, 2023 at 07:52 AM