



Matthew David Auker

April 8, 1958 - July 14, 2022

Matthew David Auker, of Altamonte Springs, FL, passed away unexpectedly on July 14, 2022, at the age of 64. He was born on April 8, 1958, in Flint, Michigan, and was adopted by William and Delores Auker at 5 months old. He was raised in Lynden, MI and was a thoughtful and loving son who was always loved in the community. Together with his younger sister, Amy, and his parents, the family made a move to South Florida in 1972. He graduated from Atlantic High School in 1976 and was voted “Most Outstanding” by his peers. He received a football scholarship to Davidson College where he played 4 years and graduated with a degree in Economics in 1980. Following graduation, Matt began a career at Porter Paints in South Florida. In 1983, he met Nina Lamanno and the two wed in 1985. Matt and Nina raised a daughter, Amanda (Mandy), and a son, Tyler, who both still reside in Florida.

In 1998, Matt was relocated with the family up to Louisville, Kentucky. After a few years in Louisville, Matt decided to make the move back to Orlando and bought a Comfort Keepers franchise together with Nina. Comfort Keepers is a senior in-home care company that Matt had owned and operated very successfully since 2001.

Following his wife Nina’s passing in 2013, Matt was fortunate enough to have both of his children live with him for an extended period of time after their graduations from college before meeting Allison (Allie) Forst. Matt and Allie wed in 2016 and had been happily married since. Tyler and Mandy as well as Allison’s two children, Madeline (Maddie) and Ian, and all of their spouses were one large melting pot who loved celebrating the holidays and big life events at their Altamonte Springs home.

His faith was extremely important to him, and he always gave his time and talent to St. Mary Magdalen Church and School. Matt was recently elected as the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus which was a great honor to him. He was always loyal to his Alma mater, Davidson University and was an avid sports fan supporting Mandy & Tyler’s schools, UCF and UF, as well as attending Bishop Moore sporting events every chance he got.

Matt was a good man and with a kind soul. He had a passion for reading, woodworking, and traveling. He was the most thoughtful, loving, and likable person around. Matt was well known for his friendliness and never hesitated to let people know that he loved them. People gravitated towards him and always bellied up to his bar where he had a passion for making Dirty Martinis and 7&7's. Matt's professional and personal networks intertwined because regardless of how you knew him, you couldn't help but consider him a friend. He was a loving son, husband, father, uncle, brother-in-law and friend. His truest passion was hanging out with his family and friends.

Matt was a natural caregiver as he showed to all of us by the love and devotion, he gave to his late wife Nina and his children Mandy and Tyler. He was so very proud of Mandy's & Tyler's strength, courage and accomplishments. Being a grandpa also came naturally to Matt. He had three beautiful grandchildren: Bennett James, Evelyn Nina, and Brooks Shayne that he adored and loved with all of his heart & soul. He never hesitated to comfort a fussy baby or get on the floor and army crawl with them. He was a kid at heart and his children adored him along with all the other children of his close friends.

The connection that brought Matt and Allie together was divine in nature and their large, blended family was a gift to each of them. Combined, their four children, Mandy, Tyler, Maddie and Ian held Matt in the highest esteem and loved him with all their hearts.

He always gave you a smile and had something nice to say to make your day! It was often said that Matt never met a stranger. He will be missed deeply for his big heart, his laugh, his empathy & compassion, his faith and his loyalty.

Matt's Visitation will be held at DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Ave,
Maitland, FL. 32751 on July 28, 2022, from 6-8pm. Matt's Celebration of Life Mass will take
place at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 861 Maitland Ave, Altamonte Springs, FL.
32701
on July 29, 2022 at 10am

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Celebration of Life Mass

JUL **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



July 29, 2022 at 09:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



July 28, 2022 at 08:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



July 28, 2022 at 12:23 PM



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July 28, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



July 28, 2022 at 06:48 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



July 27, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



July 27, 2022 at 01:26 PM

LT

“ *Love, AL, LM, AK, LK, JC, CZ & TR purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



Love, AL, LM, AK, LK, JC, CZ & TR - July 27, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



July 27, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



July 26, 2022 at 11:06 PM

BF

“ Bill, Patti and family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Matthew David Auker.



Bill, Patti and family - July 26, 2022 at 10:49 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.



July 26, 2022 at 08:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.



July 26, 2022 at 08:26 PM

JM

“ Matt Auker was a kind soul with a great laugh. I was lucky to meet him thru work. He will be missed by his Comfort Keepers family too.

Joni Magnus-Ramsey, CK Franchising, Inc

Joni Magnus-Ramsey - July 26, 2022 at 05:00 PM

DK

“ Don and Marion Kuhns purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Matthew David Auker.



Don and Marion Kuhns - July 26, 2022 at 12:26 PM

TC

“ *The ALS Association Florida Chapter purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



The ALS Association Florida Chapter - July 26, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.

July 26, 2022 at 12:03 PM

MD

“ *I met Matt at the ComfortKeepers office in Port Orange, where I am one of the caregivers. I am not tech savvy. Matt took my phone, pushed a few buttons, and set up my work sight for me. He was laughter at my amazement at how easy the whole process was.*

Mary F. Drew - July 26, 2022 at 10:58 AM

KE

“ *There are many things you could say about Matt Auker, he was a great son, brother, husband, father, and friend. We were fortunate enough to be his friend, there was never a dull moment with Matt. He always made us laugh and he always had a story to share. There was a reason why Matt was very successful, not just in his business but with his family and friends, he was a kind soul, a great man that was always thinking of others. We will never know why God decided to take Matt away from us, but one thing is for sure, Matt had a big life and he lived his life big and we were all fortunate enough to experience that life with him. God please bless Mandy, Tyler, Allie and all of his family all of his friends. Please bless them and watch over them in this time, help them heal. Matt Auker will never be forgotten but Loved Forever. Sending prayers and love, The Eiden's*



Kelly Eiden - July 26, 2022 at 06:47 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



July 25, 2022 at 09:48 PM

RW

“ *Sending love and prayers to Allie and to the extended family during this difficult time.*

Ruth Gail Webster - July 25, 2022 at 08:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



July 25, 2022 at 10:54 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



July 25, 2022 at 09:15 AM

AJ

“ *We met Matt through the Comfort Keepers Home Care business. We live in Michigan and he said he was born a few miles from our home, so we always felt connected. He was always friendly and helpful as a fellow franchisee. Our condolences to all of the family and friends he leaves behind. He will be missed!*

Al Jones - July 24, 2022 at 10:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.



July 24, 2022 at 07:47 PM

AM

“ I have so many great memories that come to mind but my favorite will be the “Dad’s Dinners” that we had in college. Tyler, Connor, Skip, and myself decided in college we wanted to start a new tradition with our dads and go to nice steakhouses for dinner when we were on breaks from school. I think we started this in college because we couldn’t afford to eat at Christners on our own. So we called upon our dads and of course they said yes. It wasn’t about how good the meal was or the price of the steak. It was about the time spent learning and listening to the stories our dads shared with us. We had so many great meals and conversations and I will never forget them.

Anthony Malatesta - July 24, 2022 at 07:23 PM

FW

“ He always gave you a smile and had something nice to say to make your day!” is so true! He always had the nicest things to say after a soccer (or any sport we played against you in) game! I remember him laughing with me after I (completely by accident) scored a goal from midfield. I’m so sorry for your loss and pray that you know how many lives your dad touched - even in the littlest of ways!

Fallon (Frappier) Whitacre - July 24, 2022 at 07:18 PM

ML

“ Matt was always up for a good time! Whether it was with friends or celebrating UCF’s football team, his smile and laugh was infectious’n



Michael and Toni Loftus - July 24, 2022 at 06:58 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



July 24, 2022 at 06:36 PM

LP

“ *You were the best bodyguard to a crazy a Girl Scout troop. My parties will never be the same without you bartending and bringing your jokes, laughter and yourself. You are my friend and I will see you again. You will be missed until than.*
Leslie and Dan

Leslei Paul - July 24, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



July 24, 2022 at 05:24 PM

JH

“ *We are so sorry. Matt was always smiling and a pure joy.*

jJack and Janie Hale - July 24, 2022 at 12:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew David Auker.*



July 24, 2022 at 11:36 AM

KH

“ *I empathize with you n Matt's passing. He was a great man and good friend to our family. He went out of his way for us when Chris passed. He will truly be missed*
Kathy and Mike Holihan



KATHLEEN HOLIHAN - July 24, 2022 at 07:01 AM

SR

“ *Matthew 23:25 Well done good and faithful servant!
Matt set a beautiful example for us all. He will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace
my friend.*

Sue Ryan - July 23, 2022 at 05:43 PM

PF

“ *Matt changed my life 15 years ago when he hired me at Comfort Keepers. He
was the most pleasant man, smiling every time I saw him in the office. He will
surely be missed..*

Penny Freeman - July 23, 2022 at 01:20 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda And Jim lit a candle in memory of Matthew David
Auker*



Brenda and Jim - July 22, 2022 at 08:40 PM

DB

“ *Please know how fond I am of Matt and have been sincerely blessed to know him
for twenty years! We became friends when we attended the Certified Senior
Advisor (CSA) designation course together. I regret not having more lunches with
him because he always taught me something about business and life and he
thought the world of his wife, kids, and all the Comfort Keepers whom he served.
He still holds the record for the largest redfish caught on my boat at 48 inches. It
was a whopper alright but Matt tamed it quite well! May God comfort you in grief
and give you peace and many fond memories to share while you celebrate his life
which was very well lived. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your
families.*

David J. Blount - July 22, 2022 at 04:40 PM