



## Matthew Alan Crews

January 21, 1984 - April 19, 2019

Matthew Alan Crews, age 35, of Sanford, FL, previously from and raised in Altamonte Springs, FL, born in Orlando, FL on January 21, 1984, passed away in Sanford, FL unexpectedly on Good Friday, April 19, 2019.

Matt leaves behind his beloved father and mother, James A. Crews and Denise G. Lanxton; Step-Mother, Robbie L. Crews; Grandmother, Elizabeth E. Greear; Sister, Brittany N. Crews; Aunt, Gloria A. Richards; Uncle, James G. Greear, three beautiful nieces whom he loved dearly, and numerous other Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins.

He is preceded in death by his Step-Father, Randy L. Lanxton; Grandparents, Hubert D. Greear, William Crews, and Mary B. Crews.

Matthew graduated and received his diploma from Lake Brantley High School on May 23, 2002 and furthered his college education through Seminole State College.

His lifetime interests and devotions included but, were not limited to: “the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost”, knowing and understanding the Bible, family and friends, animals, baseball, playing guitar, bowling, science, the arts, theme parks, and DC comics.

He had an honest, generous, and kind soul with an enormous heart whose immediate family meant the world to him. He never took his family for granted and always made sure he acknowledged his sincere gratefulness and love for his family. You could always count on him being there for any family events, needs, or holidays.

Matt's primary life goal was to love and care about people in the deepest and purest way. He was an extraordinary selfless person who was constantly and consistently generous in spirit, who gave back as much as possible, and helped as many people as he could along the way, while self-sacrificing for himself.

In the Bible, God speaks often of the poor and needy. He commands us to give generously to them and to speak up on their behalf. Matt lived and devoted his life to successfully fulfilling the Lord's requests below and many more.

Proverbs 14:31 (NIV) – “Whoever is kind to the needy honors God.”

Hebrews 6:10 (NIV) – “God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”

Hebrews 13:16 (NIV) – “...and do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

John 15:12 (NIV) – “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

Matthew 5:16 (NIV) – “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:42 (NIV) – “Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.”

Proverbs 19:17 (NIV) – “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.”

Proverbs 22:9 (NIV) – “The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.”

Romans 12:13 (NIV) – “Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

Without a doubt, Matt’s good deeds on earth will be celebrated and greatly rewarded with honor in Heaven! It’s no wonder that Jesus called him home on “Good Friday”!

Matt previously indicated that when his time came, he would claim victory and be excited to meet the Lord. He also mentioned he knew his family would be in great sadness but reminded us not to be sad for him because he knew the good things that Jesus had promised waiting for him in Heaven.

Although we are all deeply saddened over the loss of Matt, it is with great comfort that he knew Jesus and was excited about the day he would walk through the gates of Heaven.

Therefore, we would like to invite all family, friends, and others whose lives Matt touched to his “Celebration of Life” funeral services at the DeGusipe Funeral Home in Maitland, FL on Monday, April 29, 2019.

#### DETAILS:

Location: DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - Maitland Chapel  
9001 N. Orlando Avenue  
Maitland, FL 32751  
Telephone: (407) 695-2273

Date: Monday, April 29, 2019

Viewing: 11:00 am to 11:30 am EDT

Funeral Services: 11:30 am to noon EDT

Pastoral Services: Dave Taylor, Associate Pastor, Church in the Son, Orlando, FL

Gravesite Services: Highland Memorial Gardens

3329 E Semoran Blvd.

Apopka, FL 32703

Telephone: (407) 869-1188

Location: Garden of Apostles, 68 C2

Celebration Lunch: Golden Corral, 897 West Town Parkway, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Please RESERVE your "Celebration of Life" luncheon attendance by 5:00 pm EDT, Saturday, April 27, 2019, via email message to "FLBIGRIG@AOL.COM" and include 1) your first and last name, and 2) number of people attending in your party.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

APR **29**. 11:30 AM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

APR **29**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Highland Memory Gardens  
3329 E. Semoran Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703

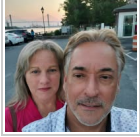
# Tribute Wall

MG

“ Hey there brother Matthew. I really miss you my friend. I find myself listening to music tonight. And I found myself thinking of you and our many talks. As I find myself thinking of you many times my brother. You spoke to me many times Matthew. And after you passed away to that better place we've spoke of many times. I want you to know, that I followed your words brother. When you passed away to Heaven, I cried my eyes out and left Florida. I chased my passion just like you told me to follow brother. I've been living in Iowa for the past two to three years since you passed. At Jiu-Jitsu tournaments, I earned a Gold Medal in No-Gi Jiu-Jitsu, a Silver Medal in No-Gi, and two Bronze Medals in Gi. And I plan on earning many more Jiu-Jitsu tournament medals my brother. I love you like a brother Matthew, and I miss you everyday! You believed in me when nobody else believed in me. Now we are here in Iowa earning Jiu-Jitsu medals my brother. You will always be with me my friend! I love you Matthew, and I miss you! I'm also getting married to an amazing beautiful lady here in Iowa on September 3rd in St. Ansgar, Iowa. I know that you would definitely approve of her brother. I think of you so much Matthew. I wish you were here. I miss you man! However, I know that you are in a much better place than this world has ever had to offer us. We have always agreed upon everything my friend. And I miss you so much. I know you are an Angel amongst Angel's brother! I find myself listening to music tonight, and I just want it to be known that I am thinking of you. I know you're in Heaven. But I want you to know, that we are still fighting and that we earned a Gold Medal, a Silver Medal, and two Bronze Medal's at Jiu-Jitsu tournaments so far. And I plan on earning many more medals brother. I miss you!

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**Marc Adam Garcia** - February 19, 2022 at 05:38 AM



“ 2019

*Merry Christmas, Matt!!*

*We all miss you very much, especially this first Christmas without you. Christmas and family was very important to you and it is much different this year without your physical presence. We love you and have you in our hearts and soul always!*

*Mom*

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**Denise Lanxton** - December 24, 2019 at 08:01 AM



KE

“ *Denise - I am so sorry for your loss. I can not imagine the grief you must be feeling. Matt is with God and safe. The pictures are wonderful and reflect a happy lifetime. I know the pictures will keep your memories close and fresh.*

*My sincere condolences.  
Kim Esely - WhippleWood CPAs.*

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**Kim Esely** - May 01, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ *Caren Gant lit a candle in memory of Matthew Alan Crews*



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**Caren Gant** - April 29, 2019 at 10:50 AM

RC

“ Risk Strategies Company purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Matthew Alan Crews.



Risk Strategies Company - April 26, 2019 at 06:43 PM

RF

“ Ron Rider and Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Matthew Alan Crews.



Ron Rider and Family - April 26, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew Alan Crews.



April 26, 2019 at 10:02 AM

BF

“ Bruce & Rosalyn Simons and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew Alan Crews.



Bruce & Rosalyn Simons and Family - April 25, 2019 at 08:19 PM

AM

“ Dear Denise

*Nothing could ever compare to the loss of a loving and much-loved son as Matt was ... but rest assured that all the love he left behind will last until you meet again.*

*May our Lord give you all the strength to bear up under the weight of this season of sorrow and may Matt's soul rest forever in the bosom of our Lord and Saviour.*

*Pat & Andrew McIntosh*

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**Andrew McIntosh** - April 25, 2019 at 03:50 PM

LL

“ *Matt was such a sweet and caring man. He was my step brother and I know my daddy has welcomed Matt into heaven with himself and the Lord. RIP my brother we will all miss you. Until we meet again!!!*



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**Lindsey Lanxton** - April 24, 2019 at 07:58 PM

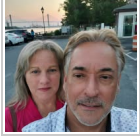
PM

“ *Pat & Andrew McIntosh. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Matthew Alan Crews.*



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**Pat & Andrew McIntosh.** - April 24, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ Matt, mom loves and misses you so very much! May your light continue to shine bright in Heaven. Love Always! Mom.

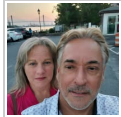


Denise Lanxton - April 24, 2019 at 10:37 AM



“ matt was as sweet and kind you young man. will miss him. carolyn

carolyn mueller - April 24, 2019 at 09:56 AM



Carolyn, thank you.

Denise Lanxton - April 24, 2019 at 10:35 AM



matt was a good man will miss him gone to soon. billy

billy crews - April 24, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ 168 files added to the album Matt (a walk through time) - Baby to Present



Denise Lanxton - April 24, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew Alan Crews.* ”



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April 24, 2019 at 09:22 AM