



Matthew Jacob Phillips

February 2, 1989 - March 5, 2020

Born in the light of sunny California, Matt was a loving and curious free spirit. He was a cherished son and brother, and as the oldest of three siblings, he took great pride in his brother and sister.

Matt possessed an artist's heart. He was a self-taught musician who filled his home with the sound of guitar; he loved tattoos and covered his skin with vibrant artwork; he was an eloquent writer who could make his family laugh, cry, or sigh with his beautiful words. Creative and talented, Matt brought originality to everything he did.

Matt will be remembered for his inquisitive mind. In Judaism, questions are not discouraged, but encouraged. Matt was driven by a desire to know more and to experience more. From those experiences, Matt learned the importance of expressing his love to the people in his life. To honor Matt, we hold our loved ones closer and contemplate the wonders and tragedies of this life and the next.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to MELJ Justice Center: www.melj.org

Cemetery Details

Cook Walden Capital Parks Cemetery

14501 N Interstate Hwy 35
Pflugerville, TX 78660

Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew Jacob Phillips*

October 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM

EA

*Shalom, I have just today heard Matthew Jacob's story and how he died heroically representing the Jewish faith, similar to his six million brothers who also perished at the hands of the hated nazis- may their names be erased for eternity. I have viewed the pictures posted here and am deeply affected by what appears his gentle and loving nature. I would like to offer some prayers and say Kadish in his memory and in general tell others that a great soul is missing from this planet and Should Not Be Forgotten. If anyone knows and can post his Hebrew / Jewish name and his mother or/and fathers Jewish names I would be very appreciative...please post.
May his soul be bound in eternal life....*

Efraim Aaron - September 07, 2025 at 02:27 PM

AM

“ *I have a twin brother, Joseph Miner, who is in federal prison for a very bogus reason for two more long and uncertain years. He has been there since May 12th 2020 so I have been voraciously reading everything and anything about the federal prison life - the good, the bad, the hideous. I came across this story and it broke my heart. God Bless the Phillips Family. When I look at Matt I don't see a religion, I see a precious soul, a guy who looks like he could even ethnically be my blood brother. The American federal prison system is a legitimate nightmare for the individuals and families who find themselves living through it. My bro is only in a low security but he has been through a lot in the Brooklyn MDC and the low he's in in New Jersey. Matt, you are beloved and you're in a better place. Keep on rocking in the New Earth.*

Ashford Michael Miner - August 31, 2022 at 05:48 PM

LP

“ I'm sorry to learn of the tragedy and heartbreaking loss of your son. I volunteered doing church ministry at Thompson when it was State run. We treated our boys with the utmost respect and love. My heart is burdened and broken to know how things are being handled under Federal ownership. My church and I are praying for you and the other families and the other Men that are still dealing with this. May justice be served and the Truth revealed. May God comfort you.

Linda Parks - June 15, 2022 at 10:47 PM

KA

“ My sincerest condolences to Matthew's family and everyone that loved him. He was one of the most intelligent, funny, and talented individuals I've ever met. It brings me great comfort to know that he is with his dogs and best friend, Teven. He is very missed and will never be forgotten.



Kristen Adams - May 20, 2022 at 12:32 PM



“ I met Matt in orchestra at Westlake, and he always made me feel part of whatever he was doing. He had so many interests and loved to find out who people were. I will always think of him with a smile because there was never a moment with Matt that he didn't make us all smile.

Jonathan Martin - June 02, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ Matt was my intern when I owned a digital company in Austin, TX. The only boy in a company of all women. He loved it. And we loved him. He made us laugh with his quick wit, and wow did we laugh. He had a certain charm about him that just made you want to throw your arms around him and hug him. He was also smart, very smart. He didn't just sit idly by, he made great contributions. I will certainly miss that wonderful boy.

Julie - April 02, 2020 at 11:25 AM



Thank you for such kind words Julie. Matt had many talents., I loved him with all my heart. Sue Phillips (mom)

susan phillips - April 05, 2020 at 04:25 PM

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Nancy Hartmann - March 17, 2020 at 12:20 AM

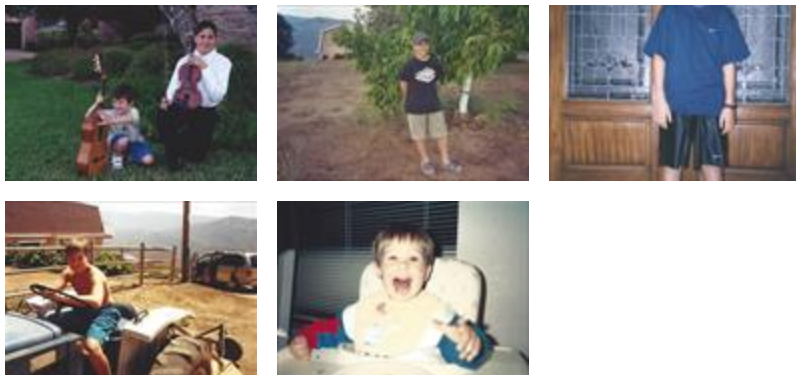
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Fast friends from age 3 and on!!!!

Nancy Hartmann - March 17, 2020 at 12:21 AM

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Jeff Phillips - March 16, 2020 at 01:36 PM

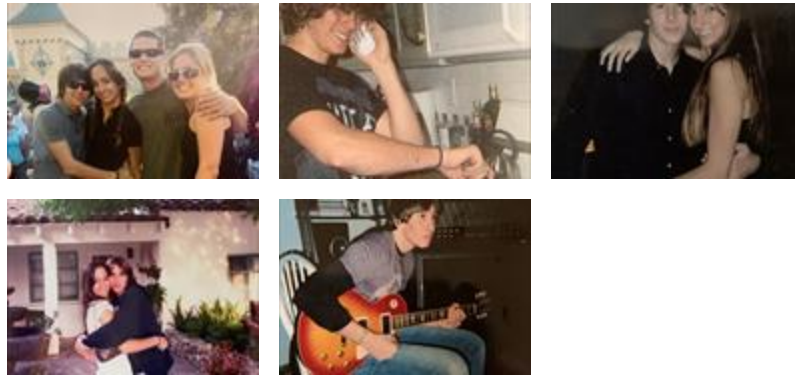
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Just beautiful photos. I remember that pic of Matt in the stroller with his flap hat. It was 4th of July. Rest in peace my beautiful boy.

susan phillios - March 16, 2020 at 04:13 PM

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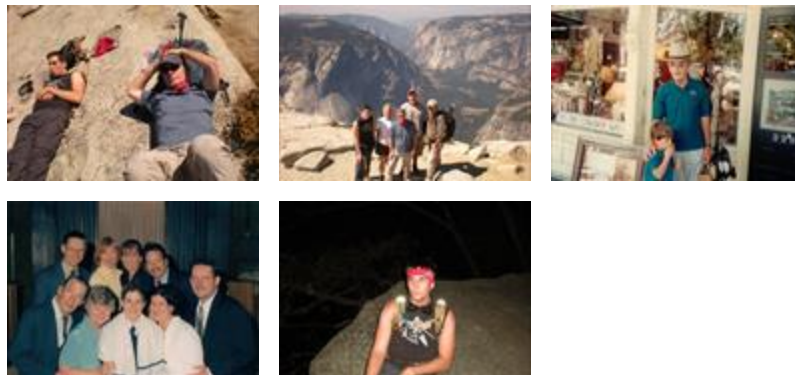
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Bianca - March 13, 2020 at 04:26 PM

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Jeff Phillips - March 13, 2020 at 08:41 AM

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skphillips97 - March 12, 2020 at 05:11 PM

RP

Dear Susan, Today I talked to your mom. She told me the news that Matthew had died. I am so very sorry to hear that sad ,horrible news. Our sympathy to you and your children. Shirley told me about all her children , grandkids, and great grand kids. Your son Matthew - remember the good times.

*Best regards,
Rae Guzovsky Paley- With sympathy*

Rae GUZOVSKY Paley - September 16, 2020 at 08:27 PM

SP

*Thank you Rae, We are coping as best we can in the face of such a terrible loss. I appreciate you reaching out and your lovely letter.
Sue*

susan phillips - January 06, 2021 at 07:39 PM



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Austin Natural Funerals - March 11, 2020 at 07:16 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories of Matt



Austin Natural Funerals - March 11, 2020 at 07:14 PM

AK

The precious photo of Matt in the baseball cap is the sweet boy we remember. May he Rest In Peace.

Anne Kane - March 12, 2020 at 07:16 PM

GR

I remember Matt and his red truck. Having a big truck must be a prerequisite to live in Texas for boys and men! God Bless you Matt.

greta - March 12, 2020 at 09:45 PM