



*Matthew Easterly
Sweazey*

Dec. 28, 1966 - Aug. 26, 2024

Matthew Easterly Sweazey, age 57, died on August 26, 2024 in Hendersonville, NC.

His family includes his son Devin Sweazey, sister Anne Sweazey, brother Mike Sweazey and his dad, George Sweazey and a nephew, Dane Sweazey.

Matt was preceded in death by his mother, Sandra Easterly Sweazey.

Matt was a unique combination of traits and talents and skills. He was fascinated by the pursuit of cultural knowledge and he possessed a wealth of information on historic events, influential people, and pop culture. And he loved to share this knowledge with others, especially his son. His humor, which was clever and absurdist, was honed daily by writing, observing the world, and applying his poetic strengths. His love of writing crossed into his passion for music, often coming up with creative or introspective lyrics while playing the guitar or piano. When he set his mind to a project, problem, or gift he would ensure that every detail was perfect, and would not stop until he knew it was exactly as he envisioned; especially when it came to family or friends. He was a gifted teacher and passionate about teaching psychology. And he was very touched by the personal, heartfelt comments he received on evaluations from his students. Devin, Matt's son, would not be the person he is today without his father, and notes that Matt's influence played a key role in his

successes, interests, and personality.

We will miss his warmth and passion and creativity and depth of feeling.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Sunday, September 1, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. in the Colonial

Chapel of the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers Matt would probably say "Buy a lottery ticket, this might be your lucky day!" Or you can make a donation to his favorite charity, the Make a Wish Foundation of North Carolina (wish.org/nc).

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

I was friends with Matt for a few years, around 1986-1989. We were part of a group of friends. He made enough of an impact on me, in that short amount of time, that all these years later I was still wondering how he was doing and where his life had taken him. I just found this, nearly a year after his passing. It saddens me that the world lost him so early. Rest easy old friend, I pray I'll see you again someday in heaven.

—Lori Fox Muse

Where to begin? I have known Matt for over 30 years. He was my best friend. I can't begin to tell you all the stories of good times we had over the years. We weren't able to see each other as much as life changed. Some of the most memorable times in my life were hanging out together. I was one of the groomsmen in his wedding. Matt and I would talk about our boys. I know that he was extremely proud of his son Devin. As a father I know that he loved him deeply. I will remember our time. I want to tell the family I was proud to call him a dependable and trustworthy friend!! I will miss him very much. Stan

—Stan Sharpe

You will be terribly missed and forever loved.

—Kathy Jenkins

I knew Matt in high school he dated my sister for a bit I always liked him and

thought he was a solid guy - Matt always knew the coolest music groups stuff I never even knew was out there- sad to see you go kind sir but you were a benefit to the world that's for sure - Peace

—James Isenhower

Ohhh dear Matt not being able to call you and hear your precious words of encouragement and wisdom will forever be a hole in my heart, working with you and becoming friends over the years was definitely a blessing and an absolute privilege, I have cried and been heart broken over you leaving so soon, you always were so incredibly independent and stubborn. I will never forgive myself for not taking you to the ER myself, but you were so sure that all was fine. I'm glad I spent all the time with you just talking about life, loved hearing you talk even over the phone, Lord knows how much I miss you already, I will carry you with me always, thank you for being a part of my life man, there are no words to express how in shock I am. One thing for sure, your heart was in the right place and I know you seen them heavenly gates. One day we will meet again at the gates. I love you old man

—Melody Dawn



—Susan Lenihan



—Kevin

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I met Matt over 25 years ago. I always liked Matt for his charming personality, intelligence and good feelings. We used to talk very often and our conversations were always long and fun. I was very sad to hear I cannot talk to him again. I thought of Devin and all the people he loves. He was always very proud of all his relatives, specially Devin. I wish he had stayed longer with us, but I know

wherever God has him now, it is a wonderful place, far better than any place we can imagine. Love to the family and everyone who feels Matt's departure.

—Christian Zuniga



Thank you again for the knowledge you acquired and freely passed on to us.. RIP.

—Louise mcgee



I'm so sorry for your loss I went to school with Matt I pray for comfort and healing for your family. May God bless you all Amen

—Rosia Higgins

I remember you as a sensitive, funny and sweet little boy. I am sorry I didn't know the man that you became. Rest in Peace dear cousin. Your passing was all too soon. Love to your son and the whole Sweazey family.

—Pam Prichard Skillman

I have many fond memories of Matt as a vibrant, curious, child. His dad (my brother) encouraged him in the Outward Bound aerial exercises and Matt was confident and skilled in the outdoors. Later on, he was a thoughtful young man with a serious side. Always eager to explore ideas. I send my love and condolences to his dad, Anne, Mike, Devin, Dane, Bobbin and the Easterly family.
Matt's Aunt Anne

Matt & Anne & Anne

—Anne Sweazey



—Cierra

My Condolences to the family. I knew Matthew during our time spent at Glen Alpine high school. He was a unique guy and highly loved by all the teachers and class mates. Rest peaceful my friend.

—Tammy Cook Flynn

It saddens my heart to know that Matt will no longer be sharing his spirit with this world. I am sorry for the loss to his family and other friends. I will forever remember him with a smile and believe he is soaring with a new freedom and light in his next.

—Christa Matheson

I'll remember Matt fondly. Always a kind soul. My heartfelt sympathies to his family.

—Natalie (Phillips) Siemaszko



Incredible teacher, remarkable friend. Always grateful for you and will never forget you. One day I'll take young psychology students under my wing, just as you did for me, and I'll tell them everything you told me. Rest in Peace, Matt.

—Luci

I was very sorry to hear of Matt's passing. My thoughts are with his family and friends.

—Gina Whisnant

George and family. So sorry to hear about your loss. You are and will remain in my thoughts and prayers. Donna Benner

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I am so sorry for your loss. I still can't believe it. Prayers for his son and family

—Beverly McMahon Greene



I am so sorry to hear this! What a beautiful tribute to Matt! It brings him right back to my memory even though I haven't seen him in many years. Sending hope for peace, strength and healing to Matt's family

—Lauren Ramsey



—Anonymous

My condolences to all. Very shocking. I will complete and produce one of his many songs he sent me over the years. Bon voyage old friend. Say hi to Bridges for me.

–Cito

I will love you forever and Always Matthew Sweazey!! I still wish you could have seen yourself through my eyes and how awesome you truly were. You will be extremely missed!

–Dalena Frazier