



Matthew Allan Vaughan

March 14, 1997 - June 11, 2013

Matthew Allan Vaughan, age 16 of Albia, went to be with the Lord and his loved ones Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at his home in Albia.

Matthew was born March 14, 1997, to Johnathon and Deborah Vaughan in Ottumwa.

He was a sophomore at Albia Community High School, and was moving to Prairie du Chien, WI to finish school and live with his mom.

Matthew was on the Albia tennis team and was active in the school health and physical fitness programs. He loved computers and was interested in engineering and computer design. He enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, and also making "You're Probably Wondering" videos.

Matthew is survived by his parents, Johnathon Vaughan of Albia and Deborah Vaughan of Prairie du Chien, WI; a brother, Westley Vaughan of Ottumwa; favorite aunties, Dorothy "Dotty" Teague and Renita Vaughan; two aunts, Niya Cross and Vichelle Frazier; and six uncles, Harold, Herbert, Richie, and Eddie Hollander, James Vaughan, and Bob Handley. Matthew was also survived by several cousins and friends.

Matthew was preceded in death by his grandparents, James, Sr. and Joyce

Vaughan, and Lewis C. and Loretta Hollander.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Saturday, June 15, 2013, with visitation one hour prior to the service at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor John Van Weelden officiating. Burial will be in Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday, June 14, 2013, at Tharp Funeral Home, with Matthew's family present throughout the day and evening.

Memorials may be made to Matthew's family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew Allan Vaughan*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Matthew Allan Vaughan*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *tango down*

sheldon - June 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lil buddy I'm thinking of you today you would be walking across that stage. Miss u so much*

heidi - ottumwa, IA - family friend - May 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *It was truly an after birth abortion*

Anon - FL - January 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I may have not known you very well but you were in my advisory n u were an amazing friend to everyone n anmazing drawer rip matt*

Angel - lovilia, IA - classmate - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ I know its been a while brother but im still here which means you are too. Your only dead if there is no one left who loves you.....good thing you will never die.

Westley Vaughan - Ottumwa, IA - Brother - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ It's sad to see you pass so early in your life with so much good left in you to do for this world. You always cheered us up on the gloomiest days, engaged in the most interesting conversations, and were always kind at heart. Nevertheless, God has had his plan for you and it provides us with some closure to know you are with Jesus now in the holy kingdom. You will be missed, but as with all others we lose in this world, we will see you again some day. Thank you for all you've done to brighten up our lives. Your legacy for kindness and all the positive energy you brought us will truly never be forgotten. God bless you and your family.

Your Friend,

Andrew Xavier

Andrew Xavier - Richmond, VA - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ You're always going to be missed. You were a great guy, we talked often. I remember before I even had knowledge of who you were, you helped me on xCPPS a alot. You're going to be missed.

Bryson Scott - Friend - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ R.I.P., Matt.

Me, you, Mateo, Caleb, and Danny were going to work together on our own CPPS. You were one of the best in the Rile5 community. Like Cyberwolf said... don't party too hard with god.

- Charles

Charles - Friend - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ <http://Rile5.com> misses you dearly and deeply. You were an amazing contributor, and a golden member and Administrator. Our hearts will always remember you.

Edwin Sanchez - New York, NY - Acquaintance - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Matthew was a really great friend and a very smart guy. I'll always miss him, and always remember our times we had even though we became good friends over the internet. To Matthew's parents, siblings, and family: I'm very, very sorry for your loss. Don't party too hard with God, Matt.*

Mateo/Cyberwolf - Best Friends - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ *Tango down.*

widd - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Im sorry we didnt get to be closer friends. You will be missed dude*

SS - Friend - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AV

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Andrew Xavier - Richmond, VA - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Matt, thank you.*

Thank you for being an awesome friend, and an awesome person. You have done so much for me, and everyone else...I am glad that I got to spend the time that I did with you, and you will forever remain in my memory.

John C - September 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Rest in peace my dear friend, you will be deeply missed.*

Jamie - September 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *RIP Matt, you will never be forgotten.*

TmAn222 - Friend - July 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *Matt not a day has gone by that I dont think of you your name is always brought up and I think about old times. Watch over your mom dad and wes they need comfort.we love you always will*

heidu - Ottumwa, IA - family friend - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *As a teacher, a lot of students come and go in my life. Matthew is one of those few students that left a lasting impression on my heart and I have thought of him often threw the years. Matthew had such a great spirit, kind heart, and he was destined for great things. Matthew had such a great sense of humor too. One day he came to school and gave me a 'lottery ticket'. I scratched it off and it said I was a \$250,000 winner. He held it together for quite a while then bursted out laughing. We had quite a laugh over him tricking me with a fake lottery ticket. I have many more memories of Matthew and his passing has deeply saddened me. I pray for his family. May God walk with you in your sadness.*

Shelley Peters - Ottumwa - Matthew's 5th grade teacher - June 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Larry Sheets*
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The Johnathon Vaughn Family,

Yesterday I read about the loss of your 16 year old son, Matthew Allan Vaughn. His engineering interests and love of the outdoors made me relate with him, As a father I cannot think of a more painful thing than the loss of a child. My family and I send you our deepest sympathies. I can do no more than say we have a shared

hope of the resurrection in Jesus the Christ. I pray He sends you His Peace that passes understanding.

*Sincerely,
Larry Sheets*

State Rep. Larry Sheets - Moulton, IA - State Representative - June 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *MATT HAD ALOT OF LOVE IN HIS HEART AND WAS A GREAT KID HE ALWAYS KEPT US LAUGHING MATT I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU LIKE CRAZY YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART!*

*JOHNNY,DEB & WES
MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU BOTH AND THE FAMILY IM VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS..IM GLAD MATT WAS A PART OF ALL OF OUR LIVES..I LOVE YOU ALL GOD BLESS..*

LINDA HUBER - CENTERVILLE, IA - FRIEND/JUST LIKE A GRANDSON - June 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *Matt made a difference in the lives of so many, including mine. He had such a great sense of humor and was always the first to offer help anytime I had a question about technology. He was a great conversationalist and had a lot of great insights when it came to politics, technology, and engineering. I will miss Matt very much. He always made my days positive and bright. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Mark Scholes - Oskaloosa, IA - Teacher - June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ matt i will always miss u bro im glad to have met u in batavia you brought alot of good laughs in my life and i will never forget you i love you with all my heart .

frank charbonneau - oskaloosa, IA - friend - June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Matt our little angel noone will ever take your place we love you will always miss you.not everyone knew how intelegent you are may you have peace and joy and be with your family and the lord in heaven we love you baby always you will never be forgotten and always in our hearts love mom and dad

Deborah Vaughan - PDC, WI - Mother - June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ On march 14th 1997 I couldn't wait to get to ottumwa hospital to meet you. I remember being mad at dad cuz I caught him holding you before I got to lol. On June 11th 2013 I got the most disturbing call of my life. I thought for sure there had to be a mistake.....but it wasn't. I don't know how this could happen to someone so young and gifted not just to me but to people that knew you through out the COUNTRY. I won't have one day where I don't think of you and on saturday the day I carry your casket to your resting place I will spend my birthday with you and every birthday of yours and mine together until we can terrorize the world together again. I love you brother.....

My brother passed and its hard to cope....but in doing so he is saving lives by being a skin donor to help save Burn Victims And Breast Cancer Patients.

who need skin grafts. Some say the good die young....clearly not the case here cuz good is an understatement so lets try this again. The GREAT die young. Most definatly the case.....

Westley Vaughan - Ottumwa, IA - BigBrother - June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Matt..... I wish things didn't have to be like this.....
N I wish I could trade u places but a wish is a wish
Not all wishes come through n since this one cant
I'll leave the words of advice for you
That I'm writing with my hands

*Don't change a thing you were a perfect star
Let everyone know who's running business wherever you are
Keep crashing them systems make em all work hard
Your amazing, talented, n real, the best person I knew BY FAR*

Westley Vaughan - Ottumwa, IA - Big Brother - June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Jonathon,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this
very difficult time.*

Julie Briscoe Landis - Johnston City, IL - Cousin - June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Rip Matt I will miss you

Kyra Kamerick - Oskaloosa, IA - Family friends - June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ It is hard for me to say goodbye so I am going to say "See you later"
becuz I know we will meet again someday.

Jodi Morgan - Centerville, IA - Family - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I miss you very much Matt We had so many good times when we lived in Batavia. You will be in my heart for ever. You was like a brother to me. I love you and will never forget you and I am glad we have our childhood memories.
Love James

James Harwood - ottumwa, IA - Friend - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Im sorry for loss Johnny Debi and family Matt was a adorable little boy who turned into a smart wonderful young man.He is and alwayswill be missed dearly.

heidi - ottumwa, IA - friend - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I CANT BELIEVE YOUR GONE YOUI WAS LIKE MY BROTHER I LOVE YOU MATT I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER ALL THE TIMES I WATCHED WRESTLING WITH YOU AND WE HUNG OUT YOUR FOREVER IN MY HEART FLY WITH THE ANGELS BRO

MICHAEL TYLER MORELOCK - CENTERVILLE, IA - FRIEND - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I REMEMBER ALL THE GOOD TIMES WE HAD WHEN WE LIVED IN ALBIA YOU WAS ALWAYS MAKING ME LAUGH AND YOU HAD ALOT OF LOVE IN YOUR HEART I LOVE YOU MATT AND IM GONNA MISS YOU..YOUR ALWAYS GONNA BE IN MY HEART LOVE YA..

SHELBY LYNN RICK - CENTERVILLE, IA - FRIEND - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Words cannot describe the feelings. Will miss you Vaughan. Thoughts and prayers will be with you forever.

Tessa Simpson - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I DID NOT KNOW THIS YOUNG MAN, BUT IT IS WAY TO EARLY FOR HIM TO LEAVE THIS EARTH. RIP YOUNG MAN AND THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILY AT THIS TIME OF SORROW.

MAX COX - ALBIA, IA - none - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Please know we are praying for you. I don't know the words to say to make it better. I am so sorry.

Mickey Terry and Jordan Pope - albia, IA - Jordan in same grade - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ MATT HAS ALWAYS BROUGHT JOY AND LAUGHTER TO OUR HEARTS HE WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST KIDS I HAVE EVER KNOWN MY KIDS CALLED HIM BRO WE WILL NEVER FORGET HIM I LOVE YOU MATT WE WILL CHERISH ALL THE TIMES WE HAD WITH YOU LOVE YOU FOR ETERNITY..

TAMMY JO MORGAN RICK - CENTERVILLE, IA - FRIEND - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM