



Matthew "Matt" Schmoltz

August 23, 1983 - December 11, 2019

On December 11, 2019, Matthew "Matt" Schmoltz, loving son, brother, uncle, grandson, nephew, and cousin passed away unexpectedly in his Midland, Michigan home, with his beloved fur-son German Shepherd, Leo by his side. His cause of death is unknown at this time. Matt was just 36 years old. Matt was born on August 23, 1983, in Saginaw, Michigan to Craig Schmoltz and Linda Love-Lee (formerly Schmoltz).

Matt attended Gladwin High School, North Central Michigan College, and ITT Technical Institute. He has worked at Lost Arrow Resort, The Fish Restaurant, Hu Nan Chinese Restaurant, Papa Lou's Pizza, True North Golf Club, and he has worked at the Arnold Center since 2012. Matt has lived in Michigan most of his life, including Saginaw, Freeland, Gladwin, Petoskey, and Midland. However, as a child, Matt and his family lived in Defiance, Ohio from 1990 – 1994. When he was young, he was very involved in Taekwondo, and participated in the 1998 Junior Olympics in Florida. Matt was very kind, giving, and caring. He was a hard-worker, and was always the first to help others when they were in need. He loved to watch his favorite sports teams, University of Michigan football and basketball, as well as the Detroit Lions. Matt loved golfing and snowboarding, as well as some jet-skiing and snowmobiling in his youth.

Matt enjoyed spending time with his mother at Secord Lake, and driving the boats. He also enjoyed going to the movies and spending time with his father. When Matt visited his sister, Jenny to get his haircut, they would hang out while their dogs played together. Matt and his sister Lindsay were very supportive to each other. They were very close and resided together in Petoskey for nearly 4 years. Matt was an awesome uncle; he drove up north just to pull his nieces, nephews and their friends tubing, and took them on boat rides.

Matt had childhood friends with whom he remained good friends, and made many more

friends throughout his adult life. Many of his friends, both new and old considered him a “best friend.”

He was survived by a large family who will miss him dearly. Matt’s fur-son German Shepherd, Leo Schmolitz, born on January 27, 2018; Mother, Linda Love-Lee and her husband Seung Lee; Father, Craig Schmolitz and his wife Debbie Schmolitz; grandparents, Eileen and Donald Raft, Beverly and Jerry Schmolitz; two sisters, Jenny Matthews and Lindsay Schmolitz; nieces and nephews, Kylie Schmolitz, Krissy Spaulding, Alex Schmolitz, Kaitlynn Vanderberg, Mikah Schmolitz; aunts and uncles, Karen Odell, Alan Love, Kathy Hardy, Cheryl Bartlett, Kirk Schmolitz, Tammy Satkowiak, Karen Radina; cousins, Chad Odell, Cory Odell, Jared Love, Andrew Love, Brittany Singleton, Emily Hardy, Madeline Hardy, Jason Schmolitz, Derek Schmolitz, Danielle Schmolitz, Janelle Bellas, Chad Radina and Brooke Satkowiak. Matt was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Norman Love, deceased June 14, 1994, and his fur-son German Shepherd, Rylie Schmolitz, deceased March 12, 2018.

Linda Love-Lee and Seung Lee are now caring for their granddog, Leo.

A Memorial Service will take place at 1:00 pm on SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020 at Snow Funeral Home, 3775 N. Center Rd. in Saginaw. Visitation will begin at 12:00 pm. Please follow <https://www.snowfuneralhome.net/obituaries/> and/or www.facebook.com/matt.schmolitz for updates.

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Snow Funeral Home - December 31, 2019 at 02:14 PM



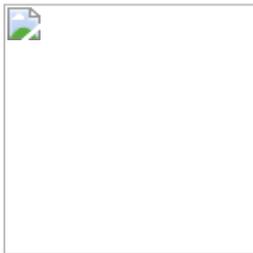
“ Jenny Matthews lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Matt" Schmolitz



Jenny Matthews - January 11 at 12:56 PM



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Jenny Matthews - January 05 at 02:16 AM



“ Jenny and Lindsay, I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. You have my deepest sympathy. My heart goes out to all of you. God bless.



Leslie (Newvine) Fobear - January 03 at 12:19 AM



“ We're going to celebrate Christmas with my dad, Debbie, my sister and our kids today. It won't be the same without my brother.
I love you, Matt. I hope you will be there with us in Spirit. I talk out-loud to you all the time, and hope you are listening. I sometimes think I feel you in my presence, and I hope it is really you. I believe our souls have an eternal connection, and I hope your soul is always with us. Mom, dad, Lindsay and I all need you to be our guardian angel and help us make it through these heart-wrenching days. Right now, it doesn't feel like we can feel better, but I know you hear me asking you every day to help comfort our family. I miss you, my brother. (The attached photos are an example of the ornaments I made for Mom, Dad, Lindsay, my girls, Lindsay's kids, and our grandparents)



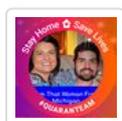
Jenny Matthews - January 01 at 01:44 PM



“ My condolences to the Schmolitz Family. So sorry to hear of the passing of your loved one. So sad, too young. Rest In Peace.



Kelly Barnette Bennett - January 01 at 09:23 AM



“ Today will be the first family Christmas without you, Matt. I hope you are guiding us to cope and heal. I don't know how we will make it through the day. The pain is unreal. I miss you, my dear brother. :'(





“ Matt was my first friend and first best friend. Our mothers were lifelong best friends. We had a lot of fun every-time we saw each-other, and it was special every-time because it was usually a few months apart being that we lived in different towns. I'm trying to remember when were really little, I'll have to look at pictures my Mom has. I can remember being bummed when he moved to Ohio, I must have been about 8, and then driving down to visit and riding bikes through his neighborhood and playing with cap guns. I remember the Freeland house hanging out in the basement where we shoot pool, played Playstation, and he showed me a computer for the first time, he always had the latest technology. I remember staying the night at his Tiquando, and attending the Junior Olympics in Orlando, I though he was so cool. Lots of memories up at the cottage, telling our Moms 'It's the 90's Mom' when they were being lame, drinking lots of RC Cola, eating blue Moon ice cream, watching Terminator in the barn and then sleeping until noon! He would eventually wake up and work hard mowing neighbors lawns to earn gas money for the jet skis. We would always try to hit top speed on the jet skis, have camp fires and fish off the docks. When we were teens we raced RC Cars on dirt track competitions, we both loved Chevys and thought Fords sucked, snowmobiled, 4-wheeling, attended a U of M football game, lots of pontune and boat rides with tubing. We rode around in his black Grand Prix with subs thumping rap music. We stayed in touch as adults, I would look forward to seeing him at his grandmas for Christmas and up at the cottage, we didn't get together a lot in our 30's as I live out of state, but we would text each-other quite often and try to coordinate meeting at the cottage in the summers, looking back at our texts is neat. He was a great friend and person, he always had a big smile, positive attitude, calm and mature demeanor even as a kid, and he loved and cares about his family very much He will be sorely missed, but I know we will meet again in heaven and he better practice up at pool. I will remember and cherish him always, and we should all go forward trying to enjoy life as much as Matt did and try not to be to sad when we remember him because that's what he would have wanted. God speed good friend

Ryan Smith - December 19, 2019 at 10:08 PM



“ Matt, I love you and miss you. Please watch over us, protect us, and guide us through this heart-wrenching time. Our family needs a guardian angel. I hope you and grandpa are playing with Frisbee with Rylie. And I am sure you have seen Holly, Lucy, Jack and Sha're. Please give them lots of belly rubs and treats. I will see you on the other side, just not soon enough... I love you, buddy. <3

Jenny Matthews - December 19, 2019 at 08:58 PM