



Matthew Connor "Matt" McKewen

January 19, 1999 - June 24, 2021

Matthew Connor "Matt" McKewen, born at Grand Strand Hospital on January 19, 1999, left us way too soon on June 24, 2021. Matthew lived and loved fiercely in his 22 years. He attended elementary and middle school in Conway and went to the STEM program his freshman through junior years of high school, deciding to finish out his Senior Year at North Myrtle Beach High School. He went to college in Wilmington, NC and Tuscon, AZ.

Throughout life, Matthew loved baseball....both playing and as a fan. He played Rec, Travel and High School and found a lot of joy alongside his team mates. We thank the coaches of all his teams because you contributed to Matt's happiest moments in life. He also loved the Atlanta Braves, watching every game and he and his mom would travel to see them play in an away city once a year.

Matt loved his family and was fiercely loyal to them. He placed a lot of value on family traditions and loved spending time with the family watching movies, eating together (especially desserts), going to the lake, fishing, and just simply being together. He leaves a heart-broken blended family behind including his parents Wendy McCrackin (Jim), John McKewen, Denise McKewen, his sisters Megan and Leah, and his brother Thomas along with his step siblings Rylie, Jayme and Mitchell. He also leaves his Mimi Paula and Papa John McKewen and Meme Shirley and Papa Wendell Goff, along with his favorite

cousin, Corben Goff and Aunt Kim Goff.

Matthew also struggled with depression, which led to addiction and then one fed the other, creating a vicious cycle that ended with an accidental overdose from a Xanax pill laced with Fentanyl. The depression hurt and drugs, beginning with gateway drug marijuana, said, "I can take your sadness away. I can make you forget. I can make you feel normal and worthy. I can make you feel like everything will be okay. And I can make you feel nothing at all."

It will never be the same for those of us that love Matthew, but we will find our hope in the Lord with a promise of a great reunion, Matthew confessed Christ and was baptized at Langston Baptist Church many years ago. You would see a cross necklace on Matt's neck most of the time. Friends and family are welcome to attend visitation at Goldfinch Funeral Home in Conway at 606 Beaty Street on Tuesday, June 29 from 1:00 - 3:00 with the funeral following in the Chapel at 3:00pm. Matthew lived on Poplar Church Road for many years of his life and loved that home; he will be laid to rest following the funeral service at the Poplar Methodist Church Cemetery at 5095 Highway 701 N, Conway, SC 29526.

To view the service via livestream, please click the link below.

<https://vimeo.com/568931244>

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."
~Revelations 21:4. Be free in the Lord, Matthew. You are finally at peace.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to FAST, in honor of Matt's brother, Thomas, at P.O. Box 608, Downers Grove, IL 60515 or online at www.cureangelman.org

Please sign the online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Poplar United Methodist Church Cemetery

5095 Highway 701 North
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 29. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Funeral Service

JUN 29. 3:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

CG

“ *Matthew had the best smile! We shared so many moments together in high school at the Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology. I will never forget him! Some students touch your heart and you love them no matter what. My deepest condolences to his mother Wendy, his sister, and all of his dear family. May God bring peace and comfort during this time of grief and unbearable sadness. You are not alone. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Connie Grant
AAST*

Connie Grant - March 05, 2022 at 03:02 PM

JR

“ *John and Family, our hearts and prayers go out to you as you deal with this very painful period in your lives. We have no words to comfort you, but know that we have you in our thoughts.*

Jim and Carol Ruddick



Jim and Carol Ruddick - July 11, 2021 at 06:44 PM

MG

“ As I always called you, “my Matt”. You always were a wonderful Grandson but to us were our Son! I am so pleased and proud to call you ours! I have loved you since day one and will until I can hear you laugh and yell I love you over and over again! You were a huge part of our life, a huge blessing to us as we loved every minute we shared with you! I miss you being home with us spending time even just watching a funny movie or you and Corby playing, The Show 21 you got him for his birthday. I know you felt how much we loved you all these years I know you did or you wouldn't have spent so much time with us. I know what happened GOD knew what a great time we had and decided HE wanted your company. I have always heard HE only takes the best and I know that's true as HE saw that in you. If GOD told me to choose my first born Grandson it still would have been you! We have been visited by the Red Cardinal three times the latest this afternoon. Fly high Matt with the Angels because you are one now and always has been in my eyes! I will think of you everyday until we meet again. I love you, “my Matt”!!! 💔😭😇🙏✝️

Meme Shirley Goff - July 05, 2021 at 08:41 PM

NH

“ Wendell and Shirley, Sending my sympathy to the the family. My heart saddens for the family. So young to be taken away. I know ur life will never be the same. I pray that god will keep his arms wrapped around u and comfort u. Sending hugs and prayers. I am so sorry. 🙏🙏❤️



Nan Cartrette Hucks - June 30, 2021 at 01:21 AM

MM

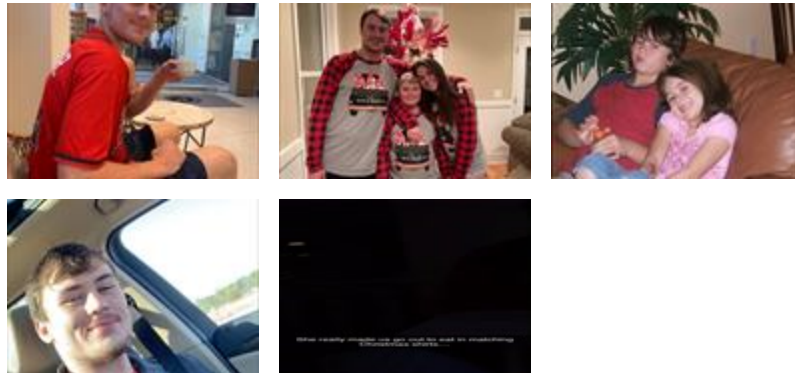
“ Matthew-

We laid you to rest today which was easily the hardest thing that's ever happened in my short lifetime. I think it will be the hardest thing I'll ever have to go through. I'm holding on to God's grace right now and every memory we have shared. I know that you're in heaven watching over me and I know that you would want me smiling every day. I will live through you every day and carry you with me everywhere I go. You will be my best friend til the day I die and we meet again in heaven. Until then I'll hold the loved ones I have here extra tight just like you would want. I will find a new way to look at life. I will appreciate the smallest things like I wish I did earlier. I will love you to no end and try to be there for others in your situation. You have impacted so many people in ways you could have never imagined Matthew and I know you're smiling that beautiful smile up in heaven ❤️ You will forever be on my mind and in my heart.

Megan Mckewen - June 30, 2021 at 12:20 AM

MM

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Megan Mckewen - June 30, 2021 at 12:10 AM

CR

“ Rest In Peace Matt. This doesn't seem real. What a great friend and teammate you were! Miss them good ole days on the Braves :(



christian richardson - June 30, 2021 at 12:09 AM

DU

“ Wendy and family, Lisa and I are sending our deepest sympathies to all of you. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. I can not imagine your grief at this time but I know with your deep faith in God you will deal with this tragedy with his help and guidance.

Don Urban - June 29, 2021 at 05:40 PM

CG

“ Our deepest sympathies go out to the entire family 🙏 None of us can imagine your grief and the heartbreak you all must feel as the community feels such sadness also at the loss of such a vibrant young life . May God hold you all close in the days ahead 🙏

Crystal Graham - June 29, 2021 at 10:54 AM

TS

“ Wendy and John and family, we are so sorry to hear this news of Matt. The Lord is with you and carrying you through this. We are praying for you and your family! Eddie, Traci, and Andrew Salley

Traci Salley - June 29, 2021 at 07:04 AM

BP

“ *My sincere condolences,
I just wanted to share some fun memories of the good times we had
with Matt when he and Lanie dated. I will always remember his
beautiful smile. Words can't describe the sorrow I felt when I heard
the news. I've been praying for your family and that his story will
help others who are struggling. RIP Matt*
Brooke Peay



Brooke Peay - June 28, 2021 at 08:39 PM

TC

“ *Dearest Wendy & family,
There are no words to suffice for what you are
going through right now. I remember Matthew
well from Langston and am so saddened to
hear of his passing way too soon. Thankfully
you will see him again. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May
God grant you strength and the Holy Spirit comfort as only He can
do.*



*Love in Christ,
Teresa Cox*

Teresa Cox - June 28, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Connor "Matt" McKewen.*



June 28, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *My darling Wendy and your entire family...*

There are no words, save for those of our Lord, to bring you peace right now. But know you are loved beyond measure and Matt is in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father.

My prayers and never-ending love are yours, precious girl. God bless you.

Jodi Ambrose - June 28, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew Connor "Matt" McKewen.*



June 28, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Connor "Matt" McKewen.*



June 28, 2021 at 05:18 PM

JM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Matt at Elliott and enjoyed every shift we had together. He lite up the room when he walked in. Sending prayers and strength.

Jane Marple - June 28, 2021 at 04:25 PM

PH

“ My deepest sympathy to Matt's family. I worked night shift with Matt at Elliott Beach Rentals. He was a special young man and will always be remembered. Having lost my own son to drugs and alcohol, my heart goes out to the family members who have lived through Matt's pain. My prayers are with you all.
Pam Harrelson

Pam Harrelson - June 28, 2021 at 02:41 PM

DN

“ Man I would've never thought I'd be typing in your guest book. Still just doesn't seem real to me man. I know after baseball we all parted our own ways but you guys were always like family. Your Dad and the rest of your family is in my prayers buddy and if they ever need anything you know I'll be right here for em.

Devin Null - June 28, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Connor "Matt" McKewen.



June 28, 2021 at 11:33 AM

AP

“ Wendy,
My heartfelt condolences to you and your entire family. May God warmly wrap his arms around all of you in the days and years to come. I'm so very sorry. - Angie Pharr

Angie Pharr - June 28, 2021 at 11:20 AM

MA

“ Mary Beth & Andriette purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Matthew Connor "Matt" McKewen.



Mary Beth & Andriette - June 28, 2021 at 10:49 AM

MR

“ Wendy., I am so sorry. Just know that I am praying for you and the family as you go thru this storm in your life. I love you my friend.

Margaret Rabon - June 28, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Connor "Matt" McKewen.



June 28, 2021 at 10:00 AM

DR

“ John, Wendy, and family, Praying for peace and comfort for you! We are so sorry to hear of this! Debbie, Taylor, & Brooke Rabon

Debbie Rabon - June 28, 2021 at 08:09 AM

TL

“ John, Wendy and family. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. I will always have special memories of Matt and I will always see his sweet smile. Sending our deepest sympathy to all.

Terry & Ronda Lilly - June 27, 2021 at 11:18 PM

LC

“ We offer our heartfelt condolences to your family. We're praying for peace and comfort for you and your love ones at this difficult time and offer my condolences to you all.
Bud & Louise Cartrette



Louise Cartrette - June 27, 2021 at 10:16 PM

DP

“ I Send my Condolence to John Mckewen N Family RIP Matt Love Jimmy OLeary

Debbie Perry - June 27, 2021 at 09:50 PM

DP

“ I send my condolence to John Mckewen N Family RIP Matt

Debbie Perry - June 27, 2021 at 09:47 PM

DP

“ RIP Matt Mckewen you will be missed Aunt Debbie n William Perry

Debbie Perry - June 27, 2021 at 09:34 PM

PA

“ Dearest John and loved ones,
Thinking of you and praying that God's strength will help you get
through this. Peace and comfort to all.
With love,
Paula

Paula - June 27, 2021 at 07:15 PM

EM

“ John and family, there are no right words at this time. I just wanted
you to know that you have my full support in whatever you need.

Ed McMenamin - June 27, 2021 at 05:02 PM

BJ

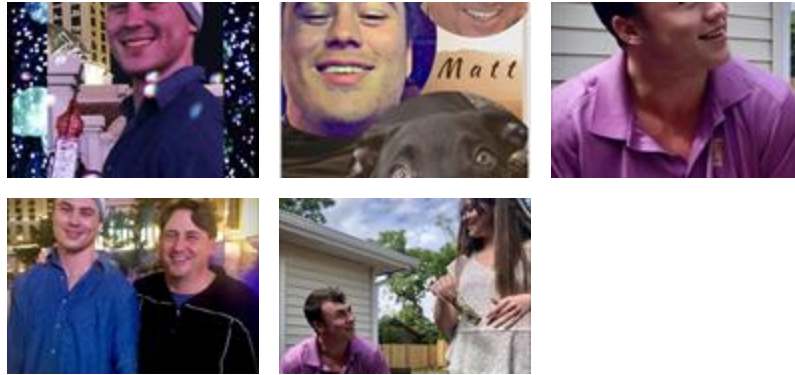
“ Wendy and family, deepest sympathy for your
loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you
all.



Betty F Jordan - June 27, 2021 at 01:58 PM

KC

“ Heartbroken for all that loved and cared about Matt. He was a special person who could change the tone of a room just by arriving. Huge smile, funny, intelligent, silently observant, often frustrating, loving, caring, gregarious, protective, fun, headstrong, good listener, charismatic, helpful, big fan of my Mac ‘n Cheese 😊 ...all these things and more. I'll be missing you, Matt. Shine down on us all until we meet again 😇.



Krista Corliss-Taylor - June 27, 2021 at 01:16 PM

DF

“ Dominic Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew Connor "Matt" McKewen.



Dominic Family - June 27, 2021 at 01:10 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear this, My family will be Praying for comfort and peace!



John Britton - June 27, 2021 at 11:36 AM

KB

“ Our hearts go out to all of Matt's family and friends. We are so sorry for your loss. Matt was such a nice person and we always enjoyed our time with him. May he rest in peace and may the loving memories you have bring you comfort.

Kat and Mike Bodek

Kat H Bodek - June 27, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Connor "Matt" McKewen.



June 27, 2021 at 11:23 AM



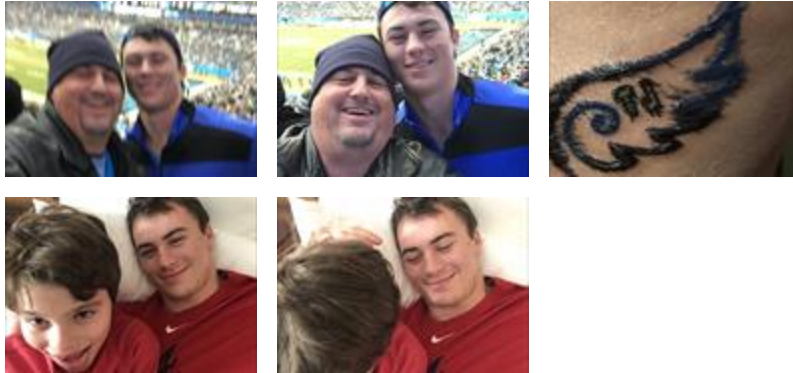
“ THIS IS A HEARTBREAKER FOR ALL WHO KNEW SHIRLEY, WENDELL AND CORBIN. MY HEART REACHES OUT TO ALL OF THIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY. MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY REACHES OUT WITH LOVE AND COMFORT FOR ALL THAT HAD A RELATIONSHIP WITH MATHEW.



Elsa Goff - June 27, 2021 at 04:34 AM

JM

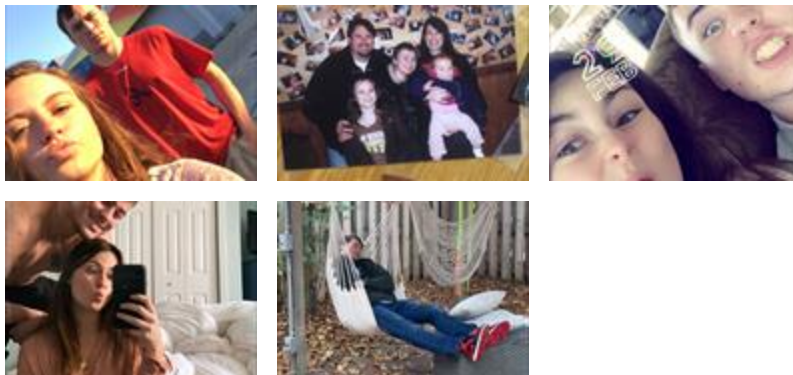
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John McKewen - June 27, 2021 at 01:36 AM

MM

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Megan Mckewen - June 27, 2021 at 12:20 AM

DM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Denise McKewen - June 26, 2021 at 11:22 PM

CC

“ Wendy and family, I cannot imagine the grief you must be feeling. There are not enough words to convey my heartfelt condolences to all of you. I'm comforted that you have your faith to support you, along with countless family, work family, and friends. I will continue my prayers for God to give you the strength you need during this heartbreaking time.

Carol Cox - June 26, 2021 at 09:31 PM

CT

Wendy and family, so sorry for your loss. Jerry and I are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Carol Thompson - June 26, 2021 at 11:21 PM

RG

“ R.I.P. my cousin until we meet again. My love and prayers for Wendy, Jim, John, and all of your siblings. You will be missed and forever loved.



Robin Goff - June 26, 2021 at 09:18 PM