



Philip H. Matthews

October 24, 1974 - February 27, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Philip H. Matthews III, 50, of Halfmoon, NY, on February 27, at the Gateway House of Peace under the loving care of The Community Hospice from complications after 15 months since the discovery of several glioblastomas. Phil is survived by his wife, Kara, to whom he was most devoted, his son, Philip, of whom he was most proud, and his loyal dog, Tucker. Phil was preceded in death by his dog, Harley, who he will surely meet again at the Rainbow Bridge.

A dedicated and respected educator for 28 years, Phil touched the lives of countless students as an English teacher. He was also an active leader in his community, serving as president of the BKWTA for many years. In addition to his passion for teaching, Phil was a competitive distance runner, earning All-American honors in Cross Country during his time at LeMoyne College, where he earned his bachelor's degree. He went on to earn a master's degree from The College of Saint Rose. Phil was an avid sports enthusiast, a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan, Willow Street Running Club teammate, and a competitive Nordic skier for the HURT team in the New York State Ski Racing Association. He also cherished his time spent outdoors, enjoying hunting and fishing. Phil was dedicated to working out daily. He found peace in reading and joy in vacations with his wife and son to Maine and the Cape Cod National Seashore. He will be deeply missed by his family, many friends, and all those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Phil's legacy of compassion, strength, leadership, resilience, passion for teaching, and love for his family and friends will continue to inspire all who knew him. Phil was the son of Jacqueline and Philip Matthews, Jr. and brother of Kelly Matthews-White (John). Calling hours at Marra Funeral Home 4-8 pm Monday March 17. Funeral Services will be held on March 18th at 10am, St. Mary's Crescent. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Paul Smith's College Nordic Ski Team, 7777 State Route 30, Paul Smith's, NY 12903 from the following link, <https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/donor-form?svcid=renxt&formId=54af39a1-9ae0-429d-9914-83d33576fd95&envid=p-kyoPFiRw6kmPelIMX-Q2CA&zone=usa>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Marra Funeral Home
246 Remsen Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518) 237-0206

Funeral Service

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church, Crescent
86 Church Hill Rd
Waterford, NY 12188-1126
(518) 371-9632

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Kara and Lil Phil,
Our hearts are with you in your loss...Philip was the kindest, most genuine person with the best sense of humor, (as well as mad air guitar and cookie eating skills) and it was an honor to care for him at Gateway House of Peace. He touched each of us and his presence is missed. 💔 Praying that the memories you hold will bring comfort during this time.

Caryl Mosher - March 17, 2025 at 09:59 AM

SS

“ Shaker Middle School Sunshine purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Philip H. Matthews.



Shaker Middle School Sunshine - March 16, 2025 at 09:55 PM

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“ Shaker Middle School Sunshine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip H. Matthews.

Shaker Middle School Sunshine - March 16, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Philip H. Matthews.



March 16, 2025 at 11:09 AM



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“ Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Le Moyne College - March 10, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ I was once a student of his, and I can only say good things about him. We used to joke with him about how he always came into school with a beat-up travel mug filled with black coffee. One day, in response to us, he said "You know.. it gives it a little more flavor," then motioned it in a circle as if he were stirring it all together and started laughing at our reactions. He always had a great sense of humor and never failed to make me laugh or joke around with me. He was one of the most genuine teachers I've ever had and an even better person. I'll remember him for the rest of my life. My heart goes out to Mr. Matthews' family.

Ben Loucks - March 05, 2025 at 04:27 AM



“ Phil, may you find peace in the arms of the angels. Memories of the times in Queensbury will remain forever in my heart. Phil Jr., Jackie, Kelly, my deepest sympathy and love. From your forever friend, Jackie Smith



Jacquelin Smith - March 04, 2025 at 10:51 AM

LF

“ Love Dan & Kristen Bobear & family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Philip H. Matthews.



Love Dan & Kristen Bobear & family - March 03, 2025 at 08:54 PM

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“ Love Dan & Kristen Bobear & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip H. Matthews.

Love Dan & Kristen Bobear & family - March 03, 2025 at 08:54 PM

PB

“ Patricia And Michael Bolek sent a virtual gift in memory of Philip H. Matthews



Patricia and Michael Bolek - March 03, 2025 at 07:02 PM

CF

“ Chris Miedema and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Philip H. Matthews.



Chris Miedema and Family - March 03, 2025 at 05:36 PM

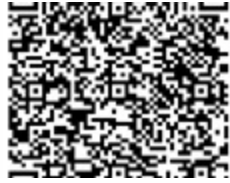
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Marra Funeral Home - March 03, 2025 at 10:19 AM