



Matthew Birke

September 27, 1971 - March 25, 2023

Matthew Birke, beloved husband and father, passed away on March 25, 2023 at the age of 51 after 14 months with brain cancer. Matthew was born in Maryland, but was a resident of River Ridge, Louisiana for 19 years. He was a loving husband to Leslie Birke for 26 years. He began his career as a middle school math teacher at Kenilworth Middle School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He developed expertise in information technology support and later switched career paths to information technology and database development. When he and Leslie had children, Matthew chose to stay home with the children and home school. He became active in NOLA Homeschoolers, NOLA Young Scholars, and Agnus Dei.

As a 19-year parishioner of St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church, Matt participated in Vacation Bible School and Boy Scouts. He will forever be remembered for his kindness, generosity, and willingness to help others. Matthew is survived by his wife Leslie Birke, his children Noah Birke, Madeleine Birke, and Evangeline Birke, his parents Susan Birke and Dr. James Allen Birke, his siblings Adam Birke and Colleen Paul, in-laws Betty Brashier, David Brashier, Melissa Foster, Elizabeth Stelly, Blaise Paul, Michelle Birke, and Benton Foster, his nieces Ryan Birke and Ivy Paul, and his nephews Robby Birke, Vincent Paul, Luke Stelly, Beau Stelly, Ethan Stelly, Jonah Stelly, Gabriel Gustafson, Garrett Gustafson, and Dylan Gustafson.

The family would like to express their gratitude to everyone that helped care for them during this journey, especially Matt's parents and siblings, Lindy Sells, the Meal Train, Ty Salvant, Laura Hoffpauir, Dr. Alfred Mammoser, Dr. Frank Culicchia, Dr. Steve Nelson, and LSU Health Sciences Center, Eastbank Parish Regional Library Teen's Section, Empire Gymnastics Competitive Team.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Wake on Friday, March 31, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at L. A. Muhleisen and Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner.

A Visitation and Funeral Mass will be held at St. Matthew the Apostle, 10021 Jefferson Hwy, River Ridge, LA 70123 on Saturday, April 1, 2023 Visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 pm. Funeral Mass at 1:30 pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 466-8577
info@muhleisen.com

Visitation

APR 1. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Matthew the Apostle
10021 Jefferson Hwy.
River Ridge, LA 70123

Funeral Mass

APR 1. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew Birke*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Marilyn R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Matthew Birke.*



Marilyn R. - April 04, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ *Matt, Deb and I reminisced today about when you came to live with us for a few weeks in Florida. You helped us with our baby girls and cooked with me. I still chop onions the way you taught me then. I'm proud to have had you as a friend for these past 36 years.
May your memory be eternal.
God bless you and your family,
Greg Karahalis*

Greg Karahalis - April 01, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Birke.*



March 31, 2023 at 12:11 AM



“ *I remember he started as my math tutor/teacher, and I thought he was a college guy. But he ended up helping me to have more faith in myself In general as time went on. God Bless you Mr. Matt.*

Roland - March 30, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew Birke.*



March 30, 2023 at 08:56 AM

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“ *We always enjoyed seeing Mr. Birke come into the children's department of the library with his children. He was a very loving and devoted dad, always proud of his children - Noah, Madeleine, and Evangeline. We are deeply saddened by his loss and wish his family much peace and comfort at this time. We are here for you all. -Staff of East Bank Regional Children's Department*

Staff of EBR Children's - March 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Birke.*



March 29, 2023 at 12:38 PM

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“ *My deepest condolences at the loss of your husband, and father. Matt will be truly missed; may God rest his soul in peace.*

Ashok Aiyar - March 29, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew Birke.*



March 29, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Birke.* ”



March 29, 2023 at 09:17 AM