



## Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards

December 23, 1975 - July 31, 2019

Matthew Jacob Edwards, 43, died Wednesday, July 31, 2019 due to complications with blood clots in his lungs.

Matt graduated from Chattahoochee High School in 1994 and went on to earn a business degree in 1998 from Catawba College in Salisbury, NC. He was a proud member of the golf team where he spent four years representing the Indians. Matt was an active member of the Alpharetta/Milton community for over 15 years. He and his family are members at Alpharetta First United Methodist Church.

Matt was a people person; he never met a stranger. This unique quality made him an extremely successful partner in his executive search firm, Pierce Consulting. Matt knew how to connect people; his network was far and wide. Matt had a gift for making everyone he met feel special, particularly his family. Family always came first. He spent hours at the ball field or the gym coaching the boys' baseball and basketball teams; he watched Ansley perform countless impromptu shows in the basement and took her shopping. Matt married his soulmate 18 years ago and they have been an unstoppable team ever since. There was not a day that went by where he did not call to check in on his mom and dad. It was just who he was. He made everyone around him feel special and loved. He was an entirely selfless individual who loved life.

Matt is survived by his wife, Amy, and their three children, Jacob (16), Owen (13), and Ansley (9); his parents, Tom and Allison Edwards, Alpharetta, GA; his sister, Megan Edwards Koch (Shawn), and their two children, Phoebe (11) and Jack (7), Johns Creek, GA; his in-laws, Jerry and Ann Pyles, Hendersonville, NC and numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Visitation will be held at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors on Friday, August 9, 2019 between the hours of 6:00pm - 8:00pm. A memorial service will be held at Alpharetta First United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 11:00am.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Alpharetta First United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Rd  
Roswell, GA 30075

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Funeral Service

AUG **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Alpharetta First United Methodist Church  
69 North Main Street  
Alpharetta, GA

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ Hey dad, its your first born son, Jacob here. Just wanted to come onto here and say thank you for being the best father, and for raising me into the person I am today. The world could've used a lot more of you in it, but I guess your life was destined to be a relatively short-lived one. If its one thing I've learned in life, its that your time here is very limited, and you have to make the most of what you have with the cards you're dealt. The hardest part I've found about moving on with life, is knowing that now you're not going to be apart of it anymore, but you'll always stay a part of me. I was blessed to have even known who you were as a person, both as a my father and as a human being. Thanks for everything dad; you will be missed tremendously.

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**Jacob Edwards** - March 17, 2024 at 08:37 PM



“ *Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

CH

“ *I met Matt a few years ago. He was one of the most genuine, kind hearted men I have ever met. He was always willing to give time to listen and learn about me and how he can help me. I am very sad to hear about his loss. My condolences to his family and friends. Big loss to all of us.*

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**Charles** - August 14, 2019 at 06:20 PM

LP

“ We offer hugs and prayers to the Edwards family. We are connected through baseball and will miss Matt’s genuine smile and caring nature. He was our baseball weatherman - always letting us know when a storm was coming — and always in a fun way. He was so incredibly kind and regularly asked how each of us was doing. It was so much fun sitting next to Matt watching Owens games - Jason & I would comment after the games how we so enjoyed Matt’s comments. He will be missed. Love to all. The Petrovich family.

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**lisa petrovich** - August 10, 2019 at 09:44 AM

PL

“ Amy, beautiful Ansley, Owen and Jacob , may you be surrounded by the love, prayers and support of your community and friends. Much Love, Patty Mantas Lico



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**Patty Mantas Lico** - August 09, 2019 at 11:25 PM

DM

“ Deborah P McHugh purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards.



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**Deborah P McHugh** - August 09, 2019 at 02:48 PM

ND

“ I, TOO, AM AN AFUMC MEMBER AND WISH I'D MET MATTHEW AND HIS FAMILY. I CAN TELL FROM HIS PHOTOGRAPH THAT HE HAD MANY FRIENDS ... BECAUSE HE BECAME ONE TO MOST PEOPLE HE CAME IN CONTACT WITH. WE NEED MORE LIKE HIM .

MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO ALL OF HIS LOVED ONES HE LEAVES BEHIND , WHO WILL MISS HIM TERRIBLY .

NAN HARMAN - DEMPSEY

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**Nan Harman - Dempsey** - August 09, 2019 at 02:34 PM

SC

“ We are blessed to know the Edwards family through our boys playing baseball with Owen. They are the most dedicated and kind family. We would comment on how supportive they were - from bringing Owen to every practice / game even if he was injured to buying the team pizza to get them through a tournament. Matt was always a pleasure to talk with during games. We are all saddened by Matt's loss. We will keep the entire family in our thoughts and prayers. Sending you all our love and support. Love the Corkill Family

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**Shannon Corkill** - August 09, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards.*



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August 09, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards.*



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August 09, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards.*



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August 08, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ *I had the privilege of teaching Matt's son Owen for the past two years and the expression the apple doesn't fall far from the tree is so apropos. I had the pleasure of sitting with Amy and Matt at a Cambridge HS playoff game and he spoke with love and pride of his children and their education. He has left a profound legacy of love for his family that will no doubt continue throughout their lives. God bless and comfort all his loved ones.*

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**Kristin Haak** - August 08, 2019 at 11:44 AM

MB

“ Amy, my sincere condolences to you and your family. I am shocked and saddened by this news - my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marie Bezdicek - August 08, 2019 at 11:21 AM

TP

“ I had the privilege of teaching Jacob. My first impression of Matt and Amy was that they were loving parents who were involved and interested in partnering with teaching staff. It was clear that Matt was a wonderful father and husband from his sweet banter with Amy, the way he joked with Jacob and the way he praised Jacob for his accomplishments. Their family interactions throughout the year was refreshing to see- they were so happy and comfortable together.



Amy- my heart goes out to you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss.

With sympathy and love,  
Tina

Tina Palmieri - August 07, 2019 at 09:20 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards.



August 07, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards.*



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August 07, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards.*



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August 07, 2019 at 06:33 AM



“ *I met Matt via phone about six months ago thru a mutual contact when I was networking for my next position and he was so generous with his time and helpful that we had continued to stay in touch so that we could be mutually helpful to each other. He was so full of life. My hearts and prayers with the family. Sincerely, Jane Elliott*

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**Jane M. Elliott** - August 06, 2019 at 11:16 PM



“ I didn't know Matthew well but I wish I had gotten to know him better. My heart goes out to the Edwards and Pyles family. Amy we have known one another longer than i can remember, you have always been an amazing friend and I'm here for you all if you need me

Love always,  
Chris

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**Chris Lance** - August 06, 2019 at 09:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards.



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August 06, 2019 at 08:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards.



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August 06, 2019 at 04:53 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards.



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August 06, 2019 at 02:48 PM

HK

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Matt's passing. My life and that of my family were forever positively changed by Matt. He was truly a good-natured person who sought to help others. Although we never met in person, I counted him as a friend and mentor. My thoughts are with his family. May his memory be a blessing.

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**Howard Kramen** - August 06, 2019 at 12:57 PM

RW

“ I had the pleasure and good fortune to get to know Matt over recent years via our respective professions. What a kind, thoughtful, and 'happy to the core' human being, who had the rare skill of being able to always positively impact those who moved in his universe.

*Our thoughts, wishes and support go to Amy, their family, and those very close to Matt. May the positive reflections of a wonderful man help carry you through this difficult time*

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**Rob Walpole** - August 06, 2019 at 10:20 AM

DE

“ Rarely, very rarely in life does your path cross with an individual as innately sweet, kind and good as Mathew. An exceptional young man raised by two exceptionally loving and supportive parents. Matt's kind of goodness never dies as it will certainly live on in those he loved and those who loved him. God bless Matt.

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**Doug Edwards** - August 06, 2019 at 09:56 AM

BJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You and your children will be in our thoughts and prayers.  
David and Bonnie Johnson



Bonnie Johnson - August 05, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards.



August 05, 2019 at 01:45 PM

AL

“ Words cannot express the shock, disbelief and sadness I feel over the loss of my friend. My prayers are lifted to Amy and the family during this difficult time.

*The earth lost a true saint, and I have to believe that right now he is celebrating in the presence of Jesus.*

Adam Lawrence - August 05, 2019 at 06:46 AM

NF

Adam - Matt respected you and took great joy in watching your career progress. Beautiful words. Noel (Matt's partner and friend)

Noel Follrath - August 05, 2019 at 12:56 PM

MA

“ *Max and Nancy McBrayer, members AFUMC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards.*



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**Max and Nancy McBrayer, members AFUMC** - August 04, 2019 at 07:20 PM

CS

“ *Our condolences & Prayers to the Families of Matt & Tom Edwards*



*Charles & Catherine Rice  
Country Club of the South*

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**Charles Baton Rice SR** - August 04, 2019 at 03:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Jacob Edwards.*



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August 04, 2019 at 03:09 PM

WS

“ My first memory of Matthew was over thirty years ago when he and his family had just relocated from Ohio to Atlanta. I remember the first time Tom and Allison invited me to their new home, Matthew was a so polite and engaging for a young man his age.

During college I had the privilege of having Matthew work with me one summer as an intern. He was a driven young man, disciplined and high energy, focused on his future . I knew that summer he would be successful in whatever career he selected. As the years moved on, no matter how busy he became he always took my call and carved out time for us to meet.

He was an exceptional husband, father and entrepreneur. My heart and prayers goes out to Amy and the children. It was a privilege to have known Matthew, I am a better person as a result. His memory will continue to encourage me and inspire me to to be the best I can be.

With sadness and admiration,

Walker Sullivan

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**walker Sullivan** - August 04, 2019 at 11:06 AM



Sending many prayers up for Amy, Matt's and Amy's children, and their families. May God give you the peace and comfort you need in this time of sadness and loss.

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**Katherine Powers** - August 05, 2019 at 10:04 AM

JM

*I did not have the privilege of knowing Matthew, but I have known his family from days in Youngstown Ohio. I knew them to be honorable active leaders. I am sure he fit that mold. He shares the look of his Grandpa I remember. My heart goes out to his children, family and friends for their sudden and tragic loss. This is an abrupt and terrible reminder for each of us to take every opportunity to spread love and enjoy each day we are given.*

*I do hope for family sake that his tissue or blood can be analyzed for a genetic predisposition to clotting (thrombophilia) and appropriate family genetic evaluation done if positive, as it can help them get appropriate treatment/prevention, especially in case of surgery, accident or pregnancy.*

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**Jim Smeltzer, MD** - August 05, 2019 at 03:40 PM