



Matthew Burge Auten

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(July 23, 1969 - August 19, 2014)

Matthew "Matt" Burge Auten, 45, of Swannanoa, NC, passed away on Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

Born July 23, 1969, in Mooresville, he is the son of Eugene Craven Auten and Margaret Burge Auten. Matt was a graduate of North Hills Christian in Salisbury and a 1991 graduate of Montreat College. He was Facilities Manager for Western NC Group Homes. Matt attended Christ Community Church in Montreat. He was a beloved husband and father, a kind friend, and known for his gift of singing and songwriting.

In addition to his parents, Matt is survived by his wife, Amy Lutfy Auten, whom he married January 1, 1994; children, Graham (age 9) and Benjamin Auten (age 7); brother, Mark Auten and wife, Ellen; sister, Anne A. Baker and husband, Chuck, and numerous nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

A memorial service will be held at 2 PM, Saturday, August 23, 2014, at First Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, with Rev. David Rockness officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the church

fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made for support of the Auten family at www.cccmontreat.org/donate (Select e-Giving, Register to Give, Matt Auten family)

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“ *Matthew Burge Auten*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Matthew Burge Auten*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Matthew Burge Auten*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM

CF

“ Hello Amy, So sad hearing about Matt-I have enjoyed his music for years and looked forward to seeing and hearing more of him since my wife and I moved to this area in 2010. Matt is linked to my history and our marriage. I picked up a copy of his fist album in a local christian music shop and quickly was taken in by his playing and lyrics. I asked in early 2000 if he would come to our singles group and perform a concert, which was wonderful. I would also catch him when I could in Raleigh, Winston, and ask him about his guitar, David Wilcox and what he was up to. I loved his music so much that I asked if he might play at our wedding. My wife Jill left the music details to me, and as I thought about when and where to use his songs that have meant so much to me.It soon became clear that I was spending more energy planning a big Matt Auten coffee house/wedding rather than a wedding with music. Wisdom prevailed, and your husband was very kind and gracious when I tried to explain how things had changed. It was nice seeing you both at the Pierce Pettis concert last year and having a little idol worship moment for me- Hope the best for you and your family-what a blessing he brought to my life and those around him.-Chris

Chris Fine - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

ST

“ Words cannot describe the sorrow I feel for Amy, the boys, Margaret and Gene, Mark and Ellen and their family and Anne and Chuck and their family. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. May our Lord hold each of you close to His heart, give you peace like none other, and comfort you in your loss. Much love from the Larry Taylor family.

Susan Taylor - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

SB

“ Matt, you touched many people's lives with your low key personality and singing. I always enjoyed seeing you and hearing the latest in your life. Your family has my condolences and I am lost for words. God be with you and your family.

Scott Bost - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

YO

“ I send my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Auten. While no words may ease your pain, rest assured that the pain we feel won't go on forever. John 5:28, 29 talks about a hope we have of seeing our loved ones again when they're resurrected back to life. Once resurrected, they can enjoy the promise found at Revelation 21:4 which speaks of a world in which death, tears, mourning, and pain have no place, for "the former things have passed away". Please visit our website at jw.org if you want to learn about this beautiful hope and more.

Yolanda - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

MM

“ We are so sad to hear of your loss. Although we had not seen Matt in years, we remember him as a wonderful young man that was committed to his Savior and because of that commitment, anything else he was involved in. Our prayers are with your family during your time of grief that the Holy Spirit will comfort you and give you peace.

Mike & Brenda McNeely - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

SW

“ A "friend of the homes" who filled in prior to Matt being hired. As a restoration contractor I worked closely with Matt on several water losses at the homes. Always the one with the dry wit during each "crisis", he provided a great service to the homes. A work associate and friend, I had great respect for how Matt performed his work. May God benefit from Matt's wit, and may He also lift up the family in their time of need.

Scott Webster - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

HH

“ Dear Auten Family, We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Matt. We pray that the love of God will enfold you with peace and comfort during this time of grief. Our prayers are with you.

Harold & Rusty Hansen - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

PS

“ With sadness for the family, I say how sorry I am at your loss. Margaret and I go back many years to " old South School!"What a legacy I am sure Matt has left. Praise The Lord!Praying for you all!

Phyllis Stubbins - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

WF

“ In some services for those who have passed, you could ask for a moment of silence to remember and though it would be respectful, it might unfortunately be just a time where nothing was really recalled. In Matt's case, a whole service could be just a group of people sitting with their thoughts of Matt, glancing at each other every now and then through their smiles and tears. Maybe a laugh would be mixed with a cry. All of it appropriate and welcome. I knew him only peripherally, but the point is his heart touched me through his giving in the music. To be held by him in friendship or even deeper truly evokes the phrase, "I am sorry for your loss". For his presence and absence will be felt. God spread Matt not just into the music halls of the world, but into the daily lives of those he served with all his gifts. His presence in wood that sheltered and wood that sang. The memory of the upright is a blessing, but the name of the evil-doer will be turned to dust. Prov 10:7.

Watson Frawley - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

HS

“ Matt was one of the kindest men I've ever known and always had a warm smile to offer. He made me laugh and I'll never forget the sound of his voice. I am praying with all my might for the family. I know he is with Jesus but he is so terribly missed. The one comfort I keep thinking for this precious family is because of Jesus Christ the time without Matt will be but a blink compared to the time with him in eternity. To Amy we love you so much and are praying constantly for miraculous strength and comfort.

Heather Hafer Snyder - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

JM

“ My dear Amy and family; I was so saddened and sorry to hear of Matt's passing. My heart goes out to you, the boys, his parents and siblings and all the rest of your family. I did not have the pleasure of meeting Matt but you chose him and I know he was an amazing man. I have been through the loss of a husband twice and I would say to you cherish the memories; something that can never be taken away from you. You will be in my prayers and I love you.

Jo Anne Manning - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

RR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this most difficult time. Knowing Rebecca, and what she has shared about her uncle, we share with ya'll these words from the Heidelberg Catechism...that our only hope, in life and in death, is that we belong body and soul to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. May that hope bring you all the peace that passes understanding. Rae, Janna, and Jakob Reinink

Rae Reinink - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

MB

“ Every thought of Matt that passes through my mind brings a smile to my face. His thundering silence and careful observation always made the slightest glance become a much larger tapestry. He leaves a vast hole in the surrounding reality and anyone who knew him was and will forever be the better for it. I know my own life will always be the better for knowing him. My love to you Amy and to your boys.

Mark Bolick - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

HJ

“ Dear Auten Family: We are so sorry for your loss of Matt. My family is heartbroken knowing the sadness each of you are feeling. You have the most beautiful family with such amazing gifts and talents. Each of you have given so much to others in our community, I pray the love and support returns to your family two fold. Sincerely, The Reeves Family

Holly Randall Reeves, John, Christian, and Jessica - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

MG

“ Dearest Amy, Graham, and Ben, Our hearts and tears are with you. Praying for you as you lean into Jesus. I keep thinking of Matt seeing his babies. May Jesus return soon so that we may all go where He is and rejoice together. Then, we will know as we are known.

Mark and Dawn Vandee Galien - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

DN

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy and know that we are remembering all of you in our prayers. I was choir director at Montreat College when Matt was a student, and I enjoyed knowing him and hearing him play and sing while there.

Dr. Bob J. Neil & Kitty Neil - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

HW

“ Gene, Margaret , Mark, Ellen, Anne, Chuck,Amy and all your children,Our hearts are broken by Matt's untimely passing. This just rocks us to our cores.We love you all like our own family. Know that we LOVE you all from the bottom of our "yankee" hearts. We are here to support you, to pray for you, to help comfort you in any way we can.May GOD give you peace during these difficult daysHarry & Lucinda WeyerMooresville, NC

Harry & Lucinda Weyer - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

KE

“ To the family of Matthew Auten sorry for the loss of your loved one. May you rely on the God of all comfort in this time of sorrow. The Bible gives us a hope we can look forward to at Revelation 21:4, "He will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor out cry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."JW.org

Kennedy - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

BG

“ Amy, Matt was an amazing man and someone I looked up to more than he ever knew. That he loved your boys and you with all he had was evident to anyone who spent time with your family. His love for his family was a testament to his character and the God he served. I will always cherish the laughs, Little Debbies, Pizzas, talks, his beautiful music and fun times we had together. He has given your sons a legacy that they will cherish in their hearts forever. My heart is filled with joy that Matt is with his Heavenly Father yet my heart is also broken and grieving for you and your beautiful children. You are in my prayers and will be. Love you all!

Bob Graham - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

LH

“ I dearly loved Matt and his delightful sense of the ridiculous. But even more for his love of the Lord. He and my son, David were friends at North Hills. Such a wonderful gift of music he had as well. He will be greatly missed by all of us. My prayers and love go out for his whole family but especially his wife and boys.Liz

Liz Hood - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

EB

“ Our hearts are broken for you and we will be keeping you in our prayers. Matt sang at our son Mark and Joanna's wedding and what a joy his music brought to all of us that day. God bless you.

Elizabeth and Leon Bolick - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

JK

“ We are praying for you and weeping with you, while yet rejoicing for Matt. We love you very much.

Janice and John Powell, and kids - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

AA

“ You were the voice of an angel...the hands and feet of God here on earth. Matt, you will be missed...

Alexandra Anable - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

NQ

“ Wish we could be there for you, Amy. In lieu of flowers, we're sending you Andrew (and hopefully Joanne). We love you.

Nicole Lee Quesnel - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

DM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May our dear Lord Jesus be your strength. We love you.*

David & Dian Burge, Adele & Micah - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

JM

“ *We will miss Matt but know he is home with His Lord.*

June and David Murray - October 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

JB

“ *I knew Matt for many years and always enjoyed working with him. I had great respect for him and his kind temperament. He always had a smile and kind word and will be greatly missed. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Jeremy Brooks - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your family's sudden loss. Although I only had a few brief interactions with Matt through work, he was always pleasant and helpful, and a true joy to work with. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.*

Virginia Pardo - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM