



## Matthew Kent

July 17, 1972 - March 19, 2010

Matthew R. Kent, 37, of Bloomington passed away Friday at his residence. Matt was born July 17, 1972 in Bloomington, IN to Gary and Dianne (Burks) Kent. Matt was a member of the Bridge Church of Christ. He attended Bloomington High School South and Indiana University. Matt was a self taught carpenter and woodworker. He built log cabins and did remodel projects in the Bloomington area. Matt was a very caring person who loved his mother dearly. He loved going to Starbucks with his mom, vacationing with his brother and sister, and going to Florida. Matt had some rough spots in his life but worked very hard to adjust to the challenges. In the end he had a plan and was working hard to reach it. Matt is survived by his parents, Gary and Dianne Kent; sister Dawn Kent; brother Jay Kent; grandmother Esther Ruth Kent; uncle Jim and Beth Burks; aunt Julie Burks; niece Aliyah English and several cousins. Matt was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Bernard and Dorothy Burks; paternal grandfather Clifford Kent and two great grandmothers Ethel Stevens and Iva Kent. Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at Allen Funeral Home with Bro. Russell Minett officiating. Burial will be at Clear Creek Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Bloomington Boys and Girls Club.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Kent,*

*I'm deeply sorry for your loss. I met Matt over ten years ago through Erica & her family & he always had a way to make me laugh. He was a great & wonderful friend & I will remember all the good times I shared with him. My thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. I pray you continue to stay strong as a family & keep all the beautiful memories that Matt left behind.*

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**Belaynesh Beyene** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

WA

“ *Gary and Diane: Debbie and I are very sorry to hear of your loss. I know how much you wanted to help Matt work through his challenges in life and how supportive both of you were. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Wayne Kjonaas** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

TR

“ *Kris and I are so very sorry to hear of this terrible loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.*

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**Terry Ruprecht** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

KA

“ Gary and Dianne, I want you to know how very sorry I am for the loss of your son, Matt. Gary, I have known you and your family for a long time and I know how very much you and Dianne have given to your family. God will always be with you and He will comfort you during this time.

*Psalms 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*God bless you and your family.*

*Love, Kathy Astrike*

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**Kathy Astrike** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

JJ

“ Gary, Dianne, Dawn & Jay - I love you guys and it breaks my heart to know the pain you feel at the loss of your beloved son & brother. Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." These words are true and I hope they bring you comfort, peace and strength at this most difficult time.

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**Jim Billingsley** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

PA

“ Wilma and I have you in our prayers.  
*We know this is a difficult time for you.*

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**Paul Fisher** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

JF

“ Dear Gary, Dianne, & family,

*You are in my prayers during this most difficult time.*

*Janet Flynn*

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**Janet Bastin Flynn** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

KI

“ Dear Gary and Diane: I was shocked and saddened to read of Matt's death in the Sunday paper. He and I shared many good times together, as well as bad. I always felt close to Matt, and I will forever be grateful for the love he gave Ericka - the most precious gift of all. My heart breaks for you and the rest of your family. Matt was a good, kind hearted person with a great sense of humor. And what beautiful blonde hair!

*My sincerest sympathies,  
Kitty Liell*

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**Kitty Liell** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

DV

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Matt's passing. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. The Connaughton VanSise Family

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**Dawn Connaughton VanSise** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

AN

“ Gary and Dianne:  
I was so sad when Gary called me Friday with the news of Matt's death. I know he loved you both so much and appreciated your life-long support and love to him through every circumstance. This is one of the most difficult moments a parent could possibly face and my heart aches for you both. I am so very sorry. Angela

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**Angela Parker** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

SH

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Kent & family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss.*

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**Shelley Smith** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

DE

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Matt. Lonnie was very fond of your family and I will be praying for your all.  
Debbie Terrell*

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**Debbie Terrell** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

LS

“ *I was very sorry to hear about Matt's passing. I was his 7th grade writing skills teacher at Batchelor, and will always remember Matt as fun-loving and energetic. I'm still teaching, and Matt's class is to this day my all-time favorite class ever!*

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**Linda (Luca) Scott** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM