



Kelly Aaron Matthews

April 27, 1965 - February 28, 2019

Kelly Aaron Matthews passed away quietly from this life on February 28th, 2019 at 6:52 a.m. at MedStar Washington Hospital Center. He had fought a courageous fight during his illness.

Kelly Aaron Matthews was born on April 27, 1965 at Anne Arundel General Hospital, Annapolis, MD to the proud parents of Gerald Matthews and Willie Matthews.

Kelly was employed as a world language teacher. He enjoyed and loved his job.

Kelly leaves to mourn and cherish his memories his beloved parents, Gerald and Micky, a dedicated cousin (like a sister) Marion Campbell-Thompson (Ray) and six (6) aunts, Zara Calhoun (Harry), Maxine Allen (Fred – deceased), Gladys Coates (Louis – deceased), Georgia Coates (Calvin – deceased), Beulah Averett (Bruce – deceased) and Reba Parker (Joe – deceased) a host of relatives and a host of long time friends and co-workers, Ron, Al, Bobby, Teresa, Terra, Tommy, Tammy, Curtis, , and Ken (just to name a few).

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 12:00 PM at Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care, P.A., 814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD 21401, where friends and family may visit beginning at 11:00 AM.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Lasting Tributes

814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD, US, 21401

MAR **Memorial Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ I will miss you Kelly. You were one of a kind. Martin from Greenville SC

Martin - March 14 at 09:46 PM



“ I will surely miss conversing with Kelly, whom I considered a good close friend. Rest in peace, my brother. My condolences to your family and Max. Your lawyer friend in Miami, Stan.

Stanley Lewis - March 13 at 11:45 AM



“ My name is mitch i live in suitland md a very good friend of kelly s kelly was my extended family an close friend i loved him i going to miss you kelly the tears keep falling from eyes my the lord be with you rip love you my baby brother mitch

Arnell mitchell - March 12 at 11:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kelly Aaron Matthews.



March 12 at 10:53 AM



“ My sincere condolences to Mr.Gerald and Mrs Mickey on the loss of your son.Kepping the family lifted in prayer doing this difficult time. Maurice Greene Sr

Maurice Greene Sr - March 11 at 05:44 PM



“ Kelly was a pleasure to work with at Severna Park High. I never met a student who who didn't have a kind word to say about Kelly. His amazing smile and great sense of humor is what I will always remember.

Rest In Peace,
Sandy D'Erasmus

Sandy D'Erasmus - March 11 at 05:02 PM



“ Lolly and Arend Thomas purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kelly Aaron Matthews.



Lolly and Arend Thomas - March 11 at 04:12 PM



“ For about 8 years I had the pleasure of working with Kelly at Severna Park High School - I will surely miss his smile and friendly demeanor. His planning was always very detailed and his self-designed worksheets were very elaborate - he did not spare any efforts to make learning easier for his students. Equally impressive was his enthusiasm for teaching out-of-area Latin classes, not a small feat! However, he tackled it with an amount of energy that was exemplary. He was well respected among the teachers and loved by his students. His memory will live on in anyone whom he touched with his warm personality. Rest in peace.
Thomas Degner

Thomas Degner - March 11 at 02:32 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kelly Aaron Matthews.



March 10 at 12:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kelly Aaron Matthews.



March 09 at 09:54 PM



“ Herr (Mr.) Matthews was without a doubt one of my favorite and most memorable instructors throughout my entire education. He started teaching at SPHS my sophomore year, my second year of taking German Language. Because of him, I developed a much better understanding and passion for the language, continuing to take courses throughout college and study abroad.

Kelly was a patient, tireless instructor, giving each and every student the time to learn and excel that we individually needed. He took an interest in OUR interests, remembering little details about us, stopping in the crowded halls during period changes to ask about how we were, etc. He left us encouraging, personalized notes in the margins of tests and homework. He wrote me an outstanding and heartfelt letter for college applications. My last day before leaving for college, I stopped by his class (it was coincidentally the high school's freshman orientation day). He spoke of me as a lauded, favorite student of his and asked me to share my experiences with his new first-years. I was touched.

I never found time to go back and visit Kelly before he transferred schools. When I heard he had left us, I was filled with regret that I didn't. To have been able to catch up with such a kind, generous, easygoing yet driven man would have meant the world to me. I know sharing how far I had come following his guidance would have meant the same to him.

Ruhe in Frieden, Herr Matthews. You will always be das Wunder von Severna Park.

Benjamin Weinberg - March 09 at 09:58 AM



“ Milly Wentland lit a candle in memory of Kelly Aaron Matthews



Milly Wentland - March 08 at 03:10 PM



“ So sorry to hear that Kelly went to be with the Lord. He was a beautiful person. I work with Kelly at SPHS for about 6 years. We love you in the WCL department. Milly Wentland.



Milly Wentland - March 08 at 03:09 PM



“ Bobby Davis purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Kelly Aaron Matthews.



Bobby Davis - March 08 at 11:13 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kelly Aaron Matthews.



March 08 at 11:06 AM



“ Max and Zara purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kelly Aaron Matthews.



Max and Zara - March 07 at 08:19 PM



“ Kelly (Mr. Matthews as I always called him) was my son Jonathan's German teacher at Severna Park High School in 2015. He was just the nicest guy and I could tell really LOVED his job and truly cared about the kids. He was so excited about what he did that he fought for and started a wonderful German Exchange program that ran in 2015 and 2017. I was blessed and very very fortunately to have been a part of that program for 2 years. In these years I got to know Kelly personally instead of just Mr. Matthews, my son's teacher. He had a warmth and genuineness about him. He was truly one of my favorite people! I'm so sad to hear that he passed and I keep thinking of when I saw him last and wishing we had the chance to do the German exchange once again. I want everyone and his family to know what a difference he made in his students and the students and teachers of Germany.... those of us that knew him are truly heartbroken. I will continue to pray for his family.

~ Linda Turner, mother to Jonathan Turner SPHS Class of 17

Linda Turner - March 06 at 10:57 PM



“ Kelly indeed was very close and I our friendship or more less, brotherhood was established 31 years ago after undergraduate. I learned so much from Kelly over those years because we shared so many common interests including local and global politics, social / cultural events, music, languages and especially abroad traveling which he so enjoyed . Speaking of languages, Kelly spoke German, Dutch, Spanish, French and Latin. He also was one of only 9 African American German teachers in the entire United States. Kelly so loved his job and his students. Kelly was passionate about ensuring that all of his students enjoyed learning German with hands on experiences exciting activities including traveling abroad to Germany with students.

As one of his best friends, I will dearly miss his sincere brotherhood friendship and all of the activities and experiences that we participated in over the past 30 ys. Though he isn't physically here to laugh and enjoy life with, his spirit and soul will always be in my heart to cherish because he was truly and friend that I will never forget.

Alvin Truesdale - March 14 at 10:08 AM



“ I was in Mr. Matthew's German class for three years, and was a member of the German club. He truly was one of the most compassionate people I've ever met. He always saw the best in everyone and always had an optimistic view on life. Throughout my time in his class I made countless memories, whether it be eating lunch in his class junior year or helping organize German club events, he always had a smile on his face. He genuinely wanted the best for each of his students. Kelly Matthews was not only a great mentor, he was a great person, and I'm better off having known him.

Charles Bachmann - March 06 at 12:03 PM



“ Kelly was a "mentor" to me in high school. He was a senior and I was a freshman. At that time, I was finding ways to get in trouble. Kelly not only helped steer me clear of that, he also assisted me in any way academically. I thank him for that. I actually had the pleasure of running into him a few years back at Safeway and we had a long conversation . My thoughts are with the Matthews family. He was a good man.

Cori Coates - March 06 at 09:50 AM



“ I taught with Kelly at OMMS and he was in my WCL department. He was a wonderful teacher and the kids adored him. His colleagues did too. He was thrilled to collaborate with us and share ideas. I enjoyed him so much and he will be missed by us.
-Kim Congdon (French teacher)

Kim Congdon - March 05 at 04:43 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kelly Aaron Matthews.



March 05 at 04:12 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kelly Aaron Matthews.



March 05 at 03:16 PM



“ Mr. Matthews was my Latin 1&2 teacher. I created such a special bond with him. He will be missed greatly by the students of SPHS. He was such a sweet and caring man. Im so sorry for your loss
-Jocelyn



Jocelyn Gremillion - March 05 at 11:38 AM



“ All the German students who got to know Mr Matthews were shocked to hear about his passing last week. We are all very sad and our thoughts in those painful days are with his family and friends. We will remember Kelly as a man with a great heart who gave so much to make our German-American Exchange program possible. Both of our visits have been extraordinary experiences from which all people involved benefited a lot. Kelly did so well making it happen. We will always remember him! With our deepest sympathy, Frank Förster, Mirko Scholz-Steuernagel and all the members of staff from the Werner-von-Siemens Gymnasium in Bad Harzburg, Germany.

Mirko Scholz-Steuernagel - March 05 at 10:03 AM



“ Gerald and Mickey, Words cannot Express how you two must feel. Know that we are sending you love and prayers at this difficult time.



Tonya Nick - March 04 at 04:05 PM



“ 7 files added to the album German American Exchange Trip - 2015



Chandra Knabel - March 04 at 07:16 AM



“ Mr. Matthews made such an impact on our kids. He wanted to create an experience similar to what he had when he was a teenager for them. It was a lot for him to do personally but he did make it happen! Who knows how the seeds that he sowed will sprout in the future. He was a kind man who gave everything of himself and we were better having known him.

So very sorry for your loss. We will all miss him dearly.

-Chandra, Dave and Drew Knabel

Chandra - March 04 at 09:43 PM



“ Dear Kelly's family,

I am so saddened to hear of Kelly's passing. He was a great friend, with an abundant heart. I shared many memories with him, while we planned our German Exchange program! He never stopped trying to make 'thing's' happen. Many times he told me how he wanted his American kids to have a relationship with the German kids. He worked so hard to get approval from all levels so that his kids had this opportunity. He helped me abundantly, when I temporarily taught Latin for 4 weeks. He made sure that the Latin students, who weren't not his students, were prepared as much as possible. His last text to me was wishing me 'much luck' on my new career. His last words were, 'Make it happen'. He was truly a beautiful caring man. He will always be remembered in my heart. I am grateful that I called him friend. With much gratitude, sadness, love and blessings and Kelly's friend, Pauline Chase.

Pauline Chase - March 03 at 02:34 PM