



## Matthew Lee Choate

January 26, 1975 - June 2, 2017

Matthew Lee Choate, 42, of Apex, North Carolina passed away June 2, 2017 at Rex HealthCare Raleigh, North Carolina. He was born on January 26, 1975 in Gardner, Massachusetts.

Matthew is survived by three children, Maasai, Zoe, and Kai, his grandparents Howard and Norma Frank, his parents Odes and Martha (Frank) Choate, siblings Beth Beasley and Tuck Choate, aunt Deborah Dial and uncle Michael Choate, nieces Taylor and Kamryn Beasley and nephew Colin Beasley. All his life Matt enjoyed nature and being outdoors with many many good friends.

Memorial service will be held Thursday, June 8, 2:00pm at Walnut Street Church of Christ building at 217 Walnut Street, Cary, NC, with a gathering afterward at Howard and Norma Frank, 308 Grand Helton Ct, Apex, NC 27502.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Walnut Church of Christ  
217 Walnut St  
Cary, NC 27511

## Reception

JUN 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

Residence of Howard and Norma Frank  
308 Grand Helton Ct  
Apex, NC 27502

# Tribute Wall

TP

“ So sad to find out about Matt's passing.  
Matt and I met in Florida in 1991(92?), and travelled together for some time. You can grow pretty close to someone in a short time when you're on the road, and we did. I still remember his voice perfectly, though it's been 20 years or so since I heard it. I wish we'd been able to stay in touch all these years.  
Deepest condolences to his family. He was one of a kind, for sure.  
Miss you, Matt

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**Tyler Pantalone** - July 04, 2017 at 12:16 PM

LH



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**Lisa Elisabeth Höglund** - September 29, 2017 at 03:03 PM


 Christy Light

“ Christy Light lit a candle in memory of  
Matthew Lee Choate



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**Christy Light** - June 25, 2017 at 04:39 PM

 Christy Light

*I will always miss you forever..until we see each other in the after life.  
RIP Matthew Lee Choate*

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**Christy Light** - June 25, 2017 at 04:41 PM



“ *My sincere condolences Choate family. I've only just now heard the news of Matt's passing. Matt and I lived and worked together in several places through the years. He was a special person and will be missed.*

*-Jesse Brock*

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**Jesse Brock** - June 14, 2017 at 12:31 AM



“ *To Martha, I was saddened to hear about your son's passing. I'll be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. With love - Liz Rourke*

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**Liz Rourke** - June 08, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ *To Martha and family, We are truly sorry for your loss. Matt and his siblings were great neighbors to us. Our families have had a bond down through the years. I'm glad to have known him.*

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**sharon** - June 07, 2017 at 10:00 PM

BM

“ I'm deeply saddened to hear of Matt's death. We were close friends, many years ago in Kentucky, although we largely lost touch the last number of years.

*I can hear Matt's voice, see some of his mannerisms, like it was yesterday, even though it's been a decade or more since we were close. We probably knew each other for over half of our lives. We had countless fun times, and got into and out of trouble together. I mourn his death, and miss the close friendship we once had. He had such a good heart.*

*Huge hugs and love to his kids, their mamas, and his family and friends. I'm sorry I'm not gonna be at the funeral. I can't make it from Oregon, but my thoughts will be with all there.*

*I love you, brother.*

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**Burke Morris** - June 07, 2017 at 08:45 PM

LB

“ Matt was Papa to my two beautiful granddaughters, Sai and Zoe. For that priceless gift, I will be forever grateful. My heart breaks for his children and his parents. May God bless you and give you peace as you remember Matt's life and grieve his passing.

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**Laura Boling** - June 07, 2017 at 12:21 AM

SC

“ I can't say I knew Matt well, but he helped around my house when I needed a handyman recently. It was such a pleasure having him help with anything and everything I needed done.

He was willing to go above and beyond with anything I needed, and we had great conversations about just about everything under the sun.

I've known and loved his parents for about 8 years now, and can't even imagine the level of pain and loss they're going through. Life is so very fragile. A reminder to us all to be prepared at all times - we never know when our time will be called.

Thank you, Matt for being so kind and helpful to me.

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**Scott** - June 05, 2017 at 10:41 AM

TH

“ Martha my prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.

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**Tonya Harris** - June 05, 2017 at 06:28 AM

JD

“ Poolside ping pong



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**Jb dupuy** - June 04, 2017 at 11:37 AM

JD

“ *Halloween around 2006*



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**Jb dupuy** - June 04, 2017 at 11:36 AM

JD

“ *Greg, Lee, Jb, and always shirtless Matt at Kings Island, Ohio*



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**Jb dupuy** - June 04, 2017 at 11:25 AM

JD

“ *I have had very few great and loyal friends.. Matt was one of them! Matt and I got to know each other almost too well as we worked side by side for over a decade on many many construction and repair projects around here in Richmond/Berea/Lexington. We did some of the dirtiest and most grueling jobs together and Matt never complained nearly as much as I did. He was a truly hard worker and became part of the family over time, even living with us for some time. He was determined to help others make progress on their projects(particularly mine) and endeavors, often putting their needs ahead of his own.*

*The good times and friendship we once had will stay with me forever, you will be missed. I love you brother!*

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**Jb dupuy** - June 04, 2017 at 11:21 AM

JD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jb dupuy - June 04, 2017 at 10:47 AM

DB

“ Rick and I were able to get to know Matt this past year. He was always ready to help anyone in any way he could. He was a very hard worker and had a gentle quiet spirit. He will be missed. Our prayers and love go out to his family ❤️

Debbie Billingsley - June 04, 2017 at 07:12 AM

MM

“ Dearest Martha and Odie.  
We are so sorry for the loss of your son Matt. While there are no words to take away the grief and sorrow you must feel, we are praying for you and your family.  
Please express our deepest condolences.

"As our days grow shorter there is a longing to be with those whom we cherish within the glories of his kingdom,  
May the bonds of our kinship through Him continue to sweetly ripen until gently plucked for the masters pleasure, where we shall dwell eternally with Him."

...mjm ❤️

The Magee's

m. magee - June 04, 2017 at 05:43 AM

EH

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Elisabeth Hoglund - June 04, 2017 at 03:54 AM

EH

*I met Matt when I traveled from my home country Sweden to visit my Friend Mitch. When leaving Sweden I had no idea what would happen on this trip except that we was going to travel. The day after I arrived I ended up in the Jeep with Matt and Doug. Two people Ive never met. The roadtrip went from KY to Ocracoke Island. Matt was always such a caring, loving and most of the time gave a helping hand except when he needed a break, then he took his blanket and left for the woods to collect new energy. Traveling like this with constant changing of plans, thunderstorms etc gave us the chance to get to know each other pretty well. I started to call him the Viking who had been born in USA. He always gave a helping hand with love for his friends, worked hard and gave me so many nice conversations, in many levels. He also was a excellent driver and always maked sure I felt safe. This trip is my best trip ever and will always be grateful for the honour to get to know this beautiful man. Always loved ❤️ these pictures is from that trip I made the summer 2014.*

Elisabeth Hoglund - June 04, 2017 at 04:55 AM

AD

“ *His sympathetic heart was very evident with each time he observed my tears after the passing of my husband...I'd feel his hand on my arm, a hug around my shoulders and just his calm presence. He was a gentle, loving man.....and will be greatly missed.*

*Aunt Debbie*

aunt Debbie - June 03, 2017 at 10:45 PM

OC

“ *Matthew came to stay with us about a year and a half ago. He worked very hard to keep the house and yard kept up. He rode a bicycle all over town and was always meeting new friends and new treasures. He helped his grandfather with lots of projects and was willing to help and learn. We knew he had made friends around the country but we are hearing from so many more.*

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**Odes Choate** - June 03, 2017 at 01:36 PM

EH

*Yeah, and one who loved him from Sweden.*

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**Elisabeth Hoglund** - June 06, 2017 at 02:34 AM