



Matthew (Matt) Verne Cross

August 15, 1952 - January 21, 2021

Matthew (Matt) Verne Cross, 68, of Fuquay Varina, NC, died on January 21, 2021. He was born on August 15, 1952, in Burlington, VT to Irene Lillian (Cochran) Cross and Anthony Verne Cross. He was the oldest of six children. He attended Colchester elementary school, and graduated from Essex Junction High School in 1970. He received a faculty grant to St. Michael's college and graduated in 1974 with a degree in Business Administration. He spent his Junior year abroad in Madrid Spain – 1972-1973.

He started his working career at the Quality Superette in Colchester and went on to hold various store management positions with Willard Street Market; P&C; Butson's; and Hannaford's.

On September 30, 1989 he married Alice Chase Hanehan in Littleton, NH. They moved to North Carolina in 1996, and settled in Fuquay-Varina where he began a career in assisted living. He held various management positions for Rose Vista Village; Alterra/Brookdale; Southern Assisted Living; Seasons at Southpoint; and most recently Spring Arbor of Cary NC.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Abbey Beth Cross, father Anthony Verne Cross and brother-in-law, Gordon "Butch" Burditt.

He is survived by wife, Alice Cross, daughters Katrina Hanehan and Jim Lemery of Erwin NC; Christine and Neil Blodgett of Wells River, VT, son Austin and Rebecca Cross of Fuquay-Varina NC, grandchildren Katie Streeter of Hancock, NH, Zackery Flurey of Allenstown NH, Nichole Martin of Morrisville, NC, Neil Blodgett, Jr. of Newport Center, VT, and Emma Cross of Fuquay Varina NC, and 10 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his Mother, Irene Cross of Colchester VT; sisters Dayle Burditt of Rutland, VT, Martha and Clay Anderson of Cincinnati OH; Lillian Cross and Debra Leslie of Crescent OR; brothers, Stephen Cross of Buxton, ME; Shawn and Carol Cross of Berlin, MD; brother-in-law Clifton and Linda Chase of Orange MA. Several aunts; uncles; nieces; nephews; and cousins. Lastly a few close friends.

Service will be at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Colchester VT, with interment in Richmond VT, being held in August, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

SV

“ I worked with Matt at Southern Living for 5 years. Actually he hired me. I have never worked with such a caring, kind ED. He dedicated his life to his residents. Miss you Matt.

Salinda Van de Ven - May 13, 2021 at 02:29 PM

TR

“ Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. I saw your example of kindness every single day during my time at Spring Arbor. You were always thinking outside the box and supported those that wanted to be like you. Spring Arbor was never the same once you left. You were one of a kind and the world has lost a beautiful soul. My sincere condolences to your family and anyone that has been touched by your kindness.

Tracy - February 15, 2021 at 10:20 AM

JL

“ Martha and Dayle, so sorry to read of the passing of Matt.

Jerry



Jerry Livingston - February 04, 2021 at 02:57 PM

JP

“ Matt , I have missed you so much since you had left us at Spring Arbor, although it hurt I knew you were finally able to enjoy the rest of your life and take care of yourself like you had the staff and the residents here! When I heard about your passing I cried because a beautiful soul like yours has finally passed over. Matt you were an amazing boss , and you cared for me like I was apart of your family! I will always love you and miss you so much. My condolences to your family. Now watch over us. -jenissa

Jenissa Poole - January 28, 2021 at 11:07 AM

MJ

“ MATT THE DAY I GOT THAT CALL THAT YOU WAS GONE WAS THE SECOND WORSE DAY OF MY LIFE YOU WAS MY BOSS AT SPRING ARBOR BUT YOU WAS MORE TO ME THEN A BOSS YOU WAS A GOOD FRIEND YOU WAS THERE FOR ME WHEN I HAD MY TRANSPLANT I TALKED TO YOU AFTER YOU HAD YOU'RE MY FRIEND YOU WILL TRULY BE MISS I REMEMBER THE JOB APPRECIATION DAY FOR THE STAFF YOU CALL ME ON MY CELL PHONE AND SAID MS PAT I'M BRINGING YOU A SPECIAL PRESENT AND I NEED YOU TO FIX ME SOME MASHED POTATOES I LAUGHED I'M LIKE WHAT IS MATT UP TO NOW I WAS LIKE OKAY I GOT YOU YOU GOT THERE YOU HAD YOUR BEAUTIFUL GRANDBABY WITH YOU JUST WARMED MY HEART THAT YOU THOUGHT ENOUGH OF ME TO CALL ME AND ASK ME TO FIX YOUR GRANDBABY SOME MASHED POTATOES WE SIT AT THE TABLE ME YOU AND YOUR GRANDBABY AND WE JUST LAUGHED AND WE TALKED I'M GOING TO MISS THOSE DAYS SO MUCH MATT REST AND PEACE YOU WAS A AMAZING MAN A VERY GOOD FRIEND I AM PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILY DOING THIS TIME OF SADNESS YOU KNOW THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WAS DEALING WITH MY MOM PASSING AND YOU WAS THERE CALL ME CHECKED ON ME AND I REALLY REALLY APPRECIATE THAT SO MY FRIEND THIS IS NOT GOODBYE IT IS JUST SO LONG UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN RIP MY DEAR FRIEND

MRS PAT JACKSON - January 28, 2021 at 04:56 AM

TB

“ Some people are born to make a difference in the world, to stray away from the norm. Matt was one of those people. He had his own way of doing everything. And whatever he did he did it from his heart with all his heart. He was a warrior! A champion. He loved his family so much! Adored baby Emma. Best believe he's up above running the show!! Slow down Matt, it's time to rest!!!❤️ Tee



Tonyita Breedon - January 27, 2021 at 06:36 PM

EN

“ My sincere condolences to Matt's family. Matt was THE finest executive director the assisted living industry has known. His high ethics and standards made a difference in many lives. We're fortunate to have known him.

Erin Nortonen - January 27, 2021 at 02:47 PM

SG

“ Alice & family, I was so sorry to hear of Matts passing. Please accept my condolences! if its any consolation, his pain is gone, may he now rest in peace !

Sandra Gould
Mesa, Arizona



Sandra Gould - January 26, 2021 at 11:38 PM

RA

“ My condolences to Alice and all of Matt’s family. He was the best at keeping so many of his friends and family connected. I always enjoyed his updates in Facebook and will miss them. He certainly took so much pleasure in sharing time with his granddaughter.

Irene’s mother, Ella, and my mother, Elma, were sisters. Richard Ashton

Richard Ashton - January 26, 2021 at 09:47 AM

AC

“ Dad you put up one hell of a fight, there wasnt a day that went by that you didnt show it. You always putted a smile on Emma's face. She loved going over to visit with you, she would come home and tell us what yall did that day. We love you and miss you. Keep watching over us. See you soon.

Austin cross - January 25, 2021 at 11:03 PM

RC

“ Dear dad, you was a wonderful man and great father in law. Thank you for accepting me as your daughter in law. I love you so much. You mean the world to emma you was definitely her best friend. We all love you and miss you even more. We will see you soon.

Rebecca cross - January 25, 2021 at 10:55 PM

MW

“ So sorry for the loss of your brother

Mary Kay Wood - January 25, 2021 at 07:15 PM

SA

“ Love you, Matt! Can’t believe won’t see you ever again! You were an amazing fighter, always wanting the best for people. Blessed to have known you and be touched by your kindness, love and generosity.

Sanjay - January 25, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ *Rest in peace big brother you put up on hell of a fight against leukemia! You are now with Abby and Dad. You will be missed but you are in the lords hands.*
Love you
Shawn

Shawn Cross - January 24, 2021 at 06:42 PM

JN

I tried to call my friend Matt to know how he was doing and the phone replied that was a wrong number. I went on facebook to ask you to send his contact again to me and suddenly bumped into the sad news of his demise. My condolences to the family. May his gentle soul rest in peace. Amen
John

John Nnanna - April 17, 2021 at 12:36 PM