



John Matthew Barry

August 10, 1969 - October 30, 2023

John Matthew Barry, 54, of Annapolis, Maryland, peacefully departed on October 30, 2023, surrounded by an outpouring of love. He fought a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer after being diagnosed in June 2023, giving everything he had until the end. His radiant spirit will be cherished forever by those whose lives he touched.

Born on August 10, 1969, in Orange, California, Matt brought joy and liveliness to his family and friends. He was a beacon of inspiration, living by his personal values of kindness, thoughtfulness, humor, and compassion. His adventurous soul and zest for life left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Matt's legacy of love and devotion endures through his beloved wife, Bria, and their cherished daughters, Charlotte and Eloise, who held the key to his heart. His loyal canine companion, Raylan, brought him joy and comfort and many laughs. Matt's passing is deeply mourned by his parents, John and Nancy, and siblings, Cate and Patrick.

Educated at North Carroll High School, Matt excelled in varsity soccer and

lacrosse and was a standout in performances by the North Carroll Ensemble. He proudly served in the U.S. Army for two peacetime years before pursuing a bachelor's degree at Towson University.

In his young adulthood, Matt shared his warmth and wisdom with patrons of Heroes Pub, where he met many of his local Annapolis friends while serving up pints along with his infectious smile. Professionally, Matt was the esteemed owner of Chesapeake U-Brew and Happy-Pet LLC. With great entrepreneurial spirit, he built a strong reputation based on his exceptional work ethic and caring approach to clients.

Matt found solace and camaraderie at the First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, where he reconnected with his spiritual journey. He delighted in sharing his love for life through song, captivating any listening ear with his beautiful, baritone voice. His daughters particularly enjoyed singing along with him on car rides and while making pancake breakfasts on the weekends.

In his personal life, Matt reveled in the simple joys of hiking, embarking on daddy adventures, cheering on the Ravens, and soaking up live music performances. These moments, especially those with his beloved daughters, held such a special place in his heart.

A private service will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at the First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, where he will have a columbarium niche. A public celebration of his life will be held at a later date. In honor of Matt's compassionate spirit, and in lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that contributions be made to the Wellness House of Annapolis or the SPCA of

Anne Arundel County, both of which were causes he held dear.

The family is receiving compassionate assistance with funeral arrangements from Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

Matt's life was a testament to love, resilience, and the beauty one can find in everyday moments. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all whose lives he graced, especially those with cold, wet noses.

Tribute Wall

LI

“ You were a great friend and co worker. You are missed

Liz - November 14, 2023 at 06:55 PM

TC

“ I first met Matt trying to find someone to walk my dog Odin while I was at work. He was so professional and kind at the same time. I loved Happy Pet and I loved having Matt as a friend over the years. Never enough time but so blessed to have known him.

Timothy Cantor - November 07, 2023 at 06:45 PM

BL

“ Matt will be missed by everyone who knew him. He was a wonderful and helpful neighbor and a terrific family man. His passing is a terrible loss. \nBonnie Leppert

Bonnie Leppert - November 05, 2023 at 02:14 PM

FS

“ Matt was so great. He would take our dog home with him, we was just supposed to walk and feed him, when storms were forecasted because he knew how scared Chef would get. He was so much more than a pet sitter and a wonderful neighbor. my deepest condolences for his entire family. Steve Flounlacker

Flounlacker Stephen - November 04, 2023 at 07:06 PM

LM

“ I can't even begin to imagine what you're going through. My heart goes out to you and your girls.

Lindsay Morrell - November 03, 2023 at 11:29 AM

AN

“ *May your spirit live on in all those who knew and loved you like the beauty and shade of this memorial tree.*

Anonymous - November 03, 2023 at 10:14 AM

DG

“ *Matt had such a mischievous smile and infectious laugh. He was a kind, caring, beautiful soul. \n\nA butterfly flutters beside us like a sunbeam and for a brief moment it's glory and beauty belong to the world, but then it flies again and though we wish it could've stayed... we feel lucky to have seen it. \n\nTo live in the hearts of others is to never die. \n\nMay the beautiful memories of Matt comfort you always. \n~Dawn Gyory*

Dawn Gyory - November 03, 2023 at 12:03 AM

BB

“ *No words can say enough. We just love you all.*

Becky and Kurt Bragunier - November 02, 2023 at 11:01 PM

PM

“ *May memories of Matt serve as blessings to you and your family.*

Paula and John Micka - November 02, 2023 at 07:29 PM

TB

“ I'll never forget how kind, generous, helpful, and positive he was with our last puppy. He saved my sanity. He was such a great father and has always treated M with such love. \nI loved when he used to eavesdrop on our mom conversations, Bria. \nHis spirit was bright and positive and happy. He was charismatic and hilarious. Bria, he will be with you always and the girls will grow up with amazing stories about him that will keep his memory alive. The impact he had on them in this short time will last a lifetime. \nSending love.

Tamara Byrne - November 02, 2023 at 07:17 PM

JC

“ Matt's zest for life and Beautiful spirit was Amazing . We shared a lot of laughs during our days working together at Chilis Baltimore . Best story teller I ever met . I cherish our days of comparing stories about random topics ,,, especially Florida . I feel extremely lucky that we crossed paths . Rest in peace Brother . Love you . Jimmy .

Jimmy Carolan - November 02, 2023 at 07:04 PM

TG

“ Eternally loved

Tom, Dianne and Grandchildren - November 02, 2023 at 06:55 PM

AB

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for John Matthew Barry - November 01, 2023 at 03:52 PM