



Mr. Matthew Bryan Vescera

September 8, 1986 - January 12, 2021

FRANKFORT, NY - On Tuesday, January 12, 2021, Matthew Bryan Vescera passed away at home surrounded by his loving family, after a valiant battle with cancer. He was 34 years old.

Born in Utica on September 8, 1986, Matthew was the son of Frank and Gloria (Williams) Vescera. He was a graduate of Poland Central High School/Class of 2005. He furthered his studies at Utica College of Syracuse University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. On May 3, 2014 he married the former Shannon McCraith. They started out as friends, were bonded by marriage, and were each other's hearts to the very end. Nearly 11 months ago, they were blessed with their beautiful baby Camilla Abigail whom he loved dearly.

Matthew worked in the technology industry and was credited with having a great work ethic. He especially loved working with his Dad in the family business from an early age. To know Matthew was to instantly love him. He always had a smile on his face and was ready with a helping hand for anything anyone needed. He was young at heart, loved playing video games and all things Nintendo, Superman, DC Comics, and building Lego models. He enjoyed road trips with Shannon to various breweries throughout New York and New England. He was also an avid historian and loved debating with anyone who would engage with him.

Although he was a father for only a short time, Matthew adored his baby girl and he was so proud to be her dad. She will grow up knowing how strong and

courageous her father was, especially when faced with adversity.

Matthew is survived by his parents, Frank and Gloria; his wife and best friend, Shannon; adored daughter, Camilla Abigail Vescera; brother, James Vescera and his fiancée Jacqueline Taylor; and his sister, Kristen Vescera. He also leaves his maternal grandparents, Ronald and Patricia Williams; nieces, Isabella and Madalin; great-niece, Haylee; mother-in-law, Mary McCraith; in-laws, Shauna and Kasey Eakins; godchildren, Alexandria and Jackson Cleveland; uncles and aunts, cousins, and countless friends. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, I. Frank Vescera and Josephine (Longo) Vescera; and his father-in-law, Thomas M. McCraith III.

The family extends their sincere appreciation to Dr. Alicia DeTraglia, an amazing physician who guided Matthew and his family through the process; and the staff of the Regional Cancer Center who were so welcoming and comforting. Matthew was hospitalized at MVHS at St. Luke's Healthcare Center where the nurses and staff took personal care of Matthew as well as Shannon. It was his personality blended with adversity that made him a great patient, beloved by the staff.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Matthew's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning, January 25, 2021 at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered.

Social distancing will be implemented and a mask covering your nose and mouth will be required. Please arrive a few moments early for registration for contact tracing. Also, Memorial donations may be made to the family allowing them to establish an educational fund for his cherished daughter, Camilla Abigail. Envelopes will be available at the service.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Matthew's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

Tribute Wall

SK

“ *The Vescera Family,*

I'm so sorry to hear about Matt's passing. I just heard about it recently and had no idea what he had been going through. I didn't know him well, but I only have funny memories of him, most of them being what TJ shared about their shenanigans together. It's heartbreaking to hear he just recently had a daughter. I have no doubt some of Matt's humor will come through in her as she gets older - a personality like that is genetic :) He probably saw me as TJ's weird little sister, but my impression of Matt was always positive. He was funny and kind, and clearly he was able to leave a mark on even people he wasn't close. I'll always remember his laugh and the silly stories from childhood. I'm so sorry for the loss your whole family must be feeling.

My sincere sympathy,

Sara Kerr

Sara Kerr - March 20, 2021 at 08:25 PM

MR

“ Mr. and Mrs. Vescera, Shannon, Kristen,

Like the outpouring from so many others has stated, no words I'll write here can provide enough comfort or articulate the impact Matt, "V," had on so many. Knowing that, I'll attempt the impossible task to share how special Matt was to me and so many others.

The last 15 years, through school, work, and travel has had me meet thousands of people. To this day, I find it hard pressed to say that I've ever met a more pure, authentic, selfless, or positive person than V. I'm not sure I will. Everyone has their measuring sticks, Matt is true north on my compass for being a "good person," and I bet many have him pegged the same.

I remember him winning Prom King for a simple reason, he was the easy choice as the best guy at the event and everyone loved him. A lighter testimonial on this point, I remember (the only time I can recall) Matt getting sent to in school suspension, but it was my fault bc I asked to borrow a pencil and the substitute teacher, not knowing Matt well, caught him turning around to give it to me so she told him to "get out." I couldn't take it, Matt's sterling reputation was not going to be diminished. I argued to this point and then told the teacher, "if he's going, so am I..." we ended up sitting next to each other in detention. But it wasn't just us, Matt being sent out, was to the class, like the Red Sox winning the World Series to Matt, it just wasn't right. Matt's exodus made the class lose it, while some students were sent to detention that day for other reasons, the mass just lost it when they saw this happen. Ultimately so many kids ended up in detention, most had to sit on the floor. Matt was universally loved, I never once heard someone, literally ever, say anything bad about him. Its almost impossible, but it's the truth.

I'll carry memories of Matt for the rest of my life. He was the driver of many firsts for me - seeing Yankee stadium; playing golf (he had to teach me); eating pizza with the sauce on top; trying (and failing) to play an instrument where he shined; going to the Sons of Italy as a clear "guest," and the list goes on. You know you have a great

friend when doing the routine is so much fun when together – driving around watching football/playing video games in the basement; me always hoping the Patriots would lose and Matt always being happy bc it never happened – these simple activities always enhanced simply bc V was there. Laughs were more frequent and lasted longer, any sort of stress/tension nonexistent, and a contagious smile. This was Matt's gift – he enhanced every room and situation he was in. You just wanted to be around him bc he made you feel good and it was fun.

I am and will be a better person in my life for having known Matt bc he set the bar so high. He's someone I'll never forget. My best to his family, friends, and the vast number of individuals he impacted; we're all missing V.

Mat Rommel - January 25, 2021 at 08:27 PM

PM

“ *so sorry for you upon the passing of matthew... meeting him at Westside, he was always joking, friendly and wore such a nice smile...please know you are in my prayers and thoughts...patty majka*

patricia majka - January 24, 2021 at 07:22 PM

CB

“ To the family of Matt! I don't even know where to begin! To Matt's Parents you both should be very proud of yourselves as you raised such an awesome boy!! I worked closely with Matt at The Hartford I enjoyed him very much! I had to order him supplies for the mailroom and he mailed out the mail for me. His smile was so contagious and the willing to help others was like no other!! To Matt's wife oh you are his world he would always talk about you and when he found out that you where pregnant we all where in Awe with him and just so happy for the both of you.

My heart goes out to all of you as we lost one incredible person if the world had more of Matt's we would have one incredible world!! You all certainly will be in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time!!! God Bless you All

Colleen Baldwin

Colleen Baldwin - January 24, 2021 at 05:10 PM

CD

“ Dear Gloria, Frank and Kristen, and family,
Both Mark and I were both shocked and saddened to hear about Matthew. Please accept our deep sympathy. Know that he is in God's loving care and that we keep all of you in our thoughts and prayer.

Mark and Celia Domser

celia domser - January 24, 2021 at 04:08 PM

SS

“ Frank, Gloria, Shannon, Camilla, James, and Kristen,

It is with our deepest sympathies and condolences, that Roberta and I mourn the loss of Matthew. We will forever remember his wonderful and loving nature, his smile, and his desire to help others. He was a real gentleman! As a son, husband, father, and brother, he will always be remembered and adored for being a part of your lives. God will continue to bless you, and our Lord will always reward Matthew for his exceptional human qualities.

Roberta & Steve Schiavi

Stephen Schiavi - January 24, 2021 at 12:10 PM

LF

“ Laurie Ferrara lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew Bryan Vescera



Laurie Ferrara - January 23, 2021 at 04:08 PM

LF

Shannon-I am sorry to hear that your husband passed away. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Laurie Ferrara

Laurie Ferrara - January 23, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Bryan Vescera.*



January 23, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *Gloria, Frank, Kristen, James,
How saddened I am and know no words can be said to change the grief. I thought about how Matt and Mat would be downstairs videoing skits for history class (or just being goofy in front of the camera). Many sleep overs at each other's house, parties and good times. I do know we raised our 'boys' to be the best they could achieve and to be good hearted and great support for others. The citizens they became can make any parent envious. You are truly in my heart and prayers. May you find some solace in knowing others care. Keep Matthew in your heart and he will always be by your side and in the rainbow above. Shari Rommel*

Shari Rommel - January 22, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Bryan Vescera.*



January 19, 2021 at 08:19 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Bryan Vescera.*



January 18, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ *Mary-Leonard Jones purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Matthew Bryan Vescera.*



Mary-Leonard Jones - January 17, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Bryan Vescera.*



January 17, 2021 at 08:41 AM



“ *To Matthew's family- I remember Matt when he was my student in fourth and sixth grades. He was such a kind, respectful boy with a wonderful smile! Although I lost track of him after high school, I can only imagine he grew up to be the same kind of man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Take care, Cheryl Gorinshek*

Cheryl Gorinshek - January 16, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mr. Matthew Bryan Vescera.*



January 15, 2021 at 11:23 PM



“ *Thought and prayers to Matt family ,So sorry my he Rip and watch over you all. ❤️*

natalie lisandrelli - January 15, 2021 at 11:09 PM



“ *Dear Gloria and Frank, My Deepest Sympathy Goes Out to the Both of You and Your Family. As a Parents We Want Nothing but the "Best" for our Children and to Always Keep our Children Safe and out of Harms way. I know You were Good Parents and Always did the Ultimate "Best" for ALL Your Children. God has Now taken Matthew's Pain Away and has Now Given You and Your Family an Angel to Always Watch Over You and Your Family until you meet up again. May the Blessed Mother Shine Light Over Your Darkness 💙 With my Deepest Sympathy, Lori Coppola*

Lori Coppola - January 15, 2021 at 10:46 PM



Frank and Gloria so sorry to hear of Matt s passing words are never enough.

Sal and Marie Perritano - January 16, 2021 at 07:27 AM



Gloria and Fran so sorry to hear of the passing of Matt. Our prayers go out to you and your family. James Gail Smith

James Smith - January 16, 2021 at 01:54 PM

KP

“ Shannon and family, so sorry for your loss. The first time that I had the pleasure of meeting him, I knew he was someone *VERY SPECIAL*. You certainly couldn't have asked for a better person. His smile lit up a room when he walked in. Matt was always there to lend a hand to someone who needed it. I will certainly miss talking to him or seeing him and his wonderful smile everyday. Rest In Peace my friend!



Kathy Phillips - January 15, 2021 at 03:47 PM