



Matthew W. "Matt" Kemp, Ret. NYSP Tpr.

November 13, 1961 - October 26, 2024

HUDSON, FL – Matthew W. “Matt” Kemp, Ret. NYSP Tpr., age 62, passed away in the comfort of his home on Saturday, October 26, 2024, with his loyal canine companion, Oscar, by his side.

Born in Monticello, FL on November 13, 1961, Matthew was the son of the late Frank and Josephine (Van) Kemp. As a young child, he and his family relocated to Utica, where he attended local schools.

Matthew always had a strong work ethic, beginning as early as his time in high school. He served as a New York State Correctional Officer at Oneida County Jail for many years. He then was appointed a Trooper with the New York State Police on March 24, 1986. He spent his career in Troop T, but lastly was assigned to the Schuyler Station prior to his retirement on April 24, 2002. His service to his community fulfilled his lifelong interest in law enforcement. His siblings remember his excitement to practice his moves on them while still at home.

Matthew possessed a very, very sarcastic sense of humor. However, at times he could be stern with his words. Matt was a talented musician, being a member of a band local to Utica. He would later become a solo saxophone and clarinet player, spending many hours in his personal music studio. He played many genres of music, and his style was an acquired taste. Matt will

also be remembered as a sports enthusiast, as he enjoyed dedicating his time as an umpire for local sports organizations for people of all ages. In his later years, he grew to become a very private man.

Matthew's family will never forget the fond memories made during their annual Fourth of July gatherings in Florida.

Matthew is survived by his daughter, Jessica Harris; and siblings, Alverdean Robinson, Josephine Kemp, and Warren Kemp. He fondly remembered his brother, Petty Officer Lorenzo Kemp, who preceded him on August 17, 1989. He further leaves to cherish his memory many nieces and nephews, with special mention to Dian Deas, and Warren Kemp, Jr.; cousins; and his black lab, Oscar.

Visitation will take place on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Matthew's Home Going Service and Celebration of life will commence at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. For those unable to attend, you may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89516057849>. Interment will follow in New Forest Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

New Forest Cemetery

2001 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
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Utica, NY 13501
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Tribute Wall

KH

“ Rest easy my friend. I always missed you and always will. You'll always have a special place in my heart ❤️

Kelly H. - December 26, 2024 at 08:00 PM

NC

“ Matt, was a great guy and so was his Oscar (black lab) We took Matt to Sea World one Saturday and afterwards went to Old Town in Kissimmee for a old car show it was fun. And went to some flea markets, he bought a little red wagon and I saw it and bang he got it before me , I tried to buy it off him and he laughed and said sorry, oh well I'll get it sometime from ,Matt , so Matt you are going to be missed very much your neighbor, and friend !

Nan Cote - November 17, 2024 at 10:20 AM

DC

“ We had Matt over for Thanksgiving dinner one year and he played Michigan Rummy with us. We miss him very much. Was a good friend to talk to and spend time together. Oscar really loved the biscuits we used to give him. Bye Matt. Miss you.

DAYNE A COTE - November 17, 2024 at 07:45 AM

LE

“ I have known Matt for many years. He was a great neighbor down the street. Always stopping by to chat here and there when you are outside. It was fun seeing Oscar "walking" him. He will definitely be missed. Until we see each other again. Love you, brother 👍😭❤️

Len - November 17, 2024 at 12:52 AM

CB

“ Matt was a great neighbor to the four short years I lived by him. He was wonderful to my daughter as he shared his love music and instruments with her.

Matt was famous around the neighborhood for walking his Black Lab, Oscar, with a big ol' cigar waving to everyone who passed by him.

Matt had such a calm presence about him that will certainly be missed.

Rest Easy Mr. Matt.

Love, Mickey, Christi, and Emily Brown.

Christi Brown - November 13, 2024 at 08:07 AM

MD

“ Much Love, Monique Daniels purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Matthew W. "Matt" Kemp, Ret. NYSP Tpr..



Much Love, Monique Daniels - November 10, 2024 at 11:00 PM

MA

“ Heartfelt condolences to The Kemp family
Rest well Matt 🙏



Ms.Jessie Anderson - November 10, 2024 at 06:11 PM

SL

Heartfelt condolences to the Kemp family

Sandra Linen - November 13, 2024 at 12:56 PM

AM

“ *I cannot imagine the pain and heartache you're feeling. I am praying for your peace and comfort. Condolences to the family.*



Aaron Montanez - November 08, 2024 at 11:00 AM

MD

“ *Josephine, my heart is completely broken for you and your family. I'm praying that God surrounds you with his love and light while you try to get through all of this. I am so sorry for your loss. Matt will be truly missed and forever remembered. Keeping you and your family in my prayers.*



Monique Daniels - November 07, 2024 at 10:38 PM

ER

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family
Rest In heavenly peace bro 🙏*



Ernest - November 07, 2024 at 11:28 AM

JS

“ *Sending my condolences and prayers.*



Jermaine Simpson - November 07, 2024 at 10:03 AM

PF

“ *So Sorry to hear About Matt praying for the family RIP*



Prince Jackson & Workman Families - November 07, 2024 at 07:38 AM



🙏 *PRAYING* 🙏

For U, all..! And I will remember Matt, as the wonderful, + friendly person, Matt was toward me. As HE, was always kind and giving from his heart..!

Caroline Savage - November 07, 2024 at 10:44 AM

SB

“ *To Matt's family so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of meeting Matt as we both became baseballs umpires back in 2001. We did many games together over the years along with countless breakfasts, lunches, and cocktails. Matt god bless and rest in peace.*

Sal Barbero - November 07, 2024 at 05:36 AM

RL

Matt was a great guy who I had as a student in high school. Got to know him better later in life. Fond memories. He will be missed but not forgotten. RIP Matt 🙏

ralph lupia - November 07, 2024 at 10:48 AM

LD

I met Matt in the "80's" a perfect gentleman and good friend. RIP Matt you will be missed. Lisa (Winston) Dodge

Lisa Dodge - November 07, 2024 at 05:49 PM

ST

“ Shirley Troy lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. "Matt" Kemp, Ret. NYSP Tpr.



Shirley Troy - November 06, 2024 at 09:45 PM

FE

“ My late husband Bill Evans and Matt worked together at the Sheriffs Dept. Oneida County. Prior to my husbands passing in 2020..he and Matt exchanged Christmas cards each year. So sorry to learn of Matt's passing. Prayers to your family.

Fredericka Evans - November 06, 2024 at 04:35 PM

TL

“ T Lewis lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. "Matt" Kemp, Ret. NYSP Tpr.



T Lewis - November 06, 2024 at 12:04 PM