



Matthew C Ripp

August 5, 1975 - April 13, 2025

Matthew C. Ripp, 49 of Wood River passed away Saturday, April 13, 2025 at UNMC in Omaha, NE. Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 28, 2025 at Kearney Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Matthew was born August 5, 1975 in Casper, WY to Robert L. and Linda (Laughlin) Ripp. He grew up in Wray, CO where he attended school until the family moved to Grand Island, NE. He later graduated from Grand Island Central Catholic High School. Matt also attended and graduated from Chadron State College.

Matt, like his dad, liked to cook. His Jalapeno Poppers were the greatest. Matt had just begun working for the Hershey Co. as a sales representative. This provided him a perfect way to play a joke on his older brother, Rob. So for Rob's 59th Birthday he sent him a 5 lb. Hershey Bar. On the weekends he worked at MNO Grocery Store in Wood River, NE.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Madison, Aralei and Logan Ripp all of Grand Island; mother, Linda Ripp of Kearney; brothers, Robert (Rhonda)

Ripp of Valders, WI, Scott Ripp of Cozad, Camdyn Ripp of Wood River; sister Jillene (Mark) Carlisle of Albuquerque, NM; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and his little 4-legged friend, Buddy Diesel.

Matt was preceded in death by his father, Robert; grandparents, Frank and Vivian Laughlin, and Carl and Velma Ripp.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 233-3244

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ Dear Linda and family, John and I were so sorry to read about Matt's death. He was such an incredible kid, and we were so lucky to teach him! I will never forget how he saved his dad's life. You have two wonderful, wonderful men in Heaven, and we were privileged to teach Matt and to work for Bob. I pray for Bob every day and will include Matt in my prayers as well! Our sympathy and love for all the Rippes. 🙏❤️

John and Cathy Howard - May 05, 2025 at 05:48 PM

KO

“ Kandi O. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew C Ripp.

Kandi O. - April 29, 2025 at 11:30 PM

MP

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



mike pittman - April 29, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Matthew C Ripp.*



April 26, 2025 at 07:36 AM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Mike Pittman - April 25, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ *Matt was such a nice guy who we had many conversations with at the store. He would go out of his way to help when asked. We will miss him.*

Arnie and Sheri Vialpando

Arnold and Sheri Vialpando - April 24, 2025 at 11:01 PM



“ *Mike, Jennifer, Samantha & Taryn Pittman purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Matthew C Ripp.*



Mike, Jennifer, Samantha & Taryn Pittman - April 24, 2025 at 08:15 PM

MP

“ Mike, Jennifer, Samantha & Taryn Pittman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew C Ripp.

Mike, Jennifer, Samantha & Taryn Pittman - April 24, 2025 at 08:15 PM

DR

“ Matthew was an excellent chef. He cared for the staff at the Good Samaritan Society by bringing us a meal or the Barista cart in appreciation for the workers. I enjoyed occasionally visiting at the grocery store as well. My condolences are extended to your family and especially Cam - a coworker at Good Samaritan Society in Wood River. Deb Roth

Deb Roth - April 24, 2025 at 05:34 PM

CC

“ Class of 93 Wray Colorado purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Matthew C Ripp.



Class of 93 Wray Colorado - April 24, 2025 at 07:31 AM