



Matthew Hayes Theetge

September 15, 1967 - December 4, 2014

Matthew Hayes Theetge, 47, died Thursday, December 4, 2014. He had a love of people, animals and nature. He had a big heart and was a dear friend to all in the neighborhood. Matt is survived by his mother, Patricia A. Hayes Theetge; brothers, John and Steven Theetge, sisters, Louise Kennedy and Terry Theetge; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Leonard J. Theetge. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 12:30 p.m. at Most Holy Rosary, 111 Roberts Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13207. Burial will be in Loomis Hill Cemetery. Calling hours will be held Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13205.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew Hayes Theetge*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - December 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Just a wish that Matt's family will only have the best thoughts during this season. Matt will always be with you in your hearts.*

Warm Glow Light - November 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Terry and Theetge Family,
We were so sad to hear that Matt had passed away. We have such wonderful memories of growing up with Matt and the rest of our friends on Rider Ave. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Chris and Lisa*

December 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Terry and Family,

We are very sorry to hear about your brother. Remember all the good times, and keep the faith to get you thru this sad time. God Bless.

Joanne Cutri and Jack Knowlton

December 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *For the Theetge Family...I am one of the people on Hancock Drive that will truly miss Matt. He always was there when you needed a little help. I care for an elderly couple on this street and he shoveled their driveway. I missed him today especially with every shovel of snow I lifted :). Please know that you are all in my prayers and Matt has gone home where he is forever peaceful! Stay strong for each other and remember to always look up.*

December 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Louise so sorry to hear about your brother and terribly sorry I could not attend the services but I have you and your family in your prayers*

December 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ It is difficult to think about growing up on Rider Ave without thinking about my close friend Matt. We were nearly inseparable as kids and often could be seen wandering Rider Ave and the adjoining neighborhoods in our military clothing. We were literally and figuratively a part of the fabric of our surroundings. I often share stories with my students about Matt, about how we had a special form of communication for finding each other pre cell phone era. About how we sat on the reservoir listening to concerts at the Dome, and about how we as friends used to actually go outside from dawn until dusk exploring every corner of our world. I wont forget the time I received a concussion on the \"res\" when your slide landed on top of me, or when we built forts in the woods only to later destroy them, and I wont forget what seemed like the longest walks ever trudging up lower Rider from Sakran's store. We did everything together, we chased girls, got drunk for the first time, and probably drove the neighbors a tad insane. You helped me with my paper route on the coldest of winter days, and you made sure that nobody ever messed with me or my family. I moved away Matt but we still would see each other once a year, we would get together and you would gossip about anyone and everyone. You never changed and you always made an impression upon everyone you met. I will miss you Matt, and I hope you find happiness. I love you brother.

December 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Pat,
It's been a long time since we worked together, but I remember you fondly. I was sorry to read about Matt this morning. You and your family are in my prayers.

December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Theetge family,

Please accept our deepest condolences for the loss of your beloved Matt. He was an important piece of our campus improvement initiatives several years ago at Corcoran High School and an extremely hard worker. Could always depend on him to show up and work hard to help the cause. Due to his efforts, we have reclaimed our beautiful campus. I looked forward to his visits on 'landscape night' at the school from spring until fall over the last several years when he walked the property and would stop to visit. He had a real appreciation for the campus, Furnace Brook Glen and the surrounding areas - we held a mutual position on these beautiful spaces. So very sorry to hear of his loss - we will plant something special in his memory at Corcoran next year. Rest in heavenly peace, Matt....

*Paul V. Grace
Corcoran H.S. Alumni Association*

December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rest in peace Matt! I have fond memories of growing up on Rider Ave with about 20 other kids. We had the best neighborhood anywhere-anytime! There was no trouble we couldn't get into in some form or another. Our heart felt memories go out to the rest of the family and friends! Love John and Liz Gagne (Kiritsis).*

December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Pat and Family, We no longer live on Reed Ave but remember Matt well. As others have said, he was always smiling and willing to help when ever he could. We are expressing deepest sympathy and hoping you will find comfort in knowing others care and are near in thought today. God Bless.*

December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Theetge family,*

Our sincere heartfelt sorrow for your loss.

Like so many others in the neighborhood, we saw Matt just about every day, always with a wave and a "hi". Always willing to chat. Always willing to help, always watching out for the neighborhood. Whether it was picking up someones garbage pails during his daily walks, shoveling snow or mowing someones lawn, Matt did it with pride.

Matt was an every day guy. He was a constant in our neighborhood . Matt will surely be missed by so many.

Prayers and God's blessings to all of you during this difficult time.

December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *to the theetge family, sorry for your loss, may matthew rest in peace*

December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family I am Sorry for your loss. Matt was like a little brother to me growing up and going to the camp during the summer time. Good times we had. Your family is in my prayers!

December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



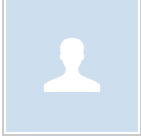
“ Dear Pat, Steve, John, Louise & Terry- I cannot begin to tell you how sorry I am. My heart hurts! Matt was my left hand, always mowing my lawn and shoveling snow for me, always here like clockwork. When I was working at the hospital, he'd stop to inquire what time I had to be at work-if it was 6 am Matt was out shoveling at 5 am...I don't know what I will do without him. Matt & his beloved Princess were the Mayor and sidekick of Rider Ave & surrounding area. I can't even begin to imagine never seeing him around our neighborhood any longer. Rest in peace, Matt-you're reunited with your Dad now but you left behind, a trail of many memories & broken hearts.

December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Matthew was a student at Bellevue Elementary School when I was a teacher there in the 70s; he was a great young man- always helpful, happy and with a smile that lit up the room. My deepest sympathy to his wonderful family. Rest in Peace, Matthew.

December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.
Le Moyne College, Office of Alumni and Parent Programs
Syracuse, NY

December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Theetge Family
Im so sorry to hear of your loss I can remember all of the good times we had going to concerts and hanging out just having a good time Matt was a fun kid to be around when we were teens also as he grew his love for landscaping and how he would help my mother around. Its sad to see him go but now hes in that better place shared with your husband and dad. rest in a peaceful place Matt and God bless to your family.

December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ We will miss Matt. He always walked by our house on his way to the store or walking his dog, always said hello, always offering to help my Mom or my son if they were out front doing something. He had a great smile. He may never truly know the impact his life had on alot of other people he passed by every day. May God comfort him and give him eternal peace. Our thoughts & prayers go out to his family, neighbors & friends.

December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss Matt, his smile and his friendly hello as I take my walks. This is such sad news. My prayers and thoughts are with Matt's family and friends. I'm very sorry for your loss.

JoAnn and Bob Jarvis

December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Matt always had a smile on his face and always would say hello. We will miss him walking up and down the street with his dog and always sitting on the porch when the weather was nice. He will be missed. RIP Matt.

Karen and Jerry Dubos

December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My family has known Matt since he was a young boy. He will be sorely missed in the neighborhood. He watched over us all, always willing to lend a helping hand. Rest in peace Matt and keep an eye on us all from heaven.

Jean (Neagle) Schulte

December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ So wish I could be there this week in NY to say farewell to my cousin Matt-----whenever I saw him he always cracked me up with his sayings----I am sure he will be missed by everyone!!!! RIP DEAR COUSIN!!!!

December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I first met Matt six or seven years ago at my son\\\'s house. He was always helpful, and willing to give good advice whenever he could. Living nearby, I drove through the neighborhood pretty frequently, and often would see Matt, and of course he\\\'d always wave. I enjoyed his friendliness. No matter what kind of a day I was having, seeing Matt was always a little uplifting to my spirits, and when I drive through there now, I find I am still looking for him, and he\\\'s not there. Like so much in life, I took him for granted. How sad that he went away so unexpectedly. He was a good guy. A lot of people, just like me, will be wishing they could still see him. As my son said, Matt was like the heart of the neighborhood. Rest in peace, Matt. We\\\'ll miss you.

December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I cannot imagine looking out my window and not seeing Matt walking by with Princess or being out in the yard and not hearing him say hello and ask how I was doing. Matt was someone who would always lend a hand when you needed it or wave as you passed. I know there is not a single person in the neighborhood who does not feel the loss of our friendliest neighbor.

I know you are reunited with Lucy and your Dad. Rest in peace, Matt.

December 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM