



## Matthew R. Morgrette

June 6, 1991 - October 23, 2022

MATTHEW R. MORGRETTE

Saginaw Twp., Michigan

Matt passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, October 23, 2022. Matthew Raymond Morgrette was born on June 6, 1991, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Ted and Julie Morgrette. Matt graduated from Heritage High School in 2009, he then graduated from Michigan State University in 2014, with a Bachelor's in Hospitality Business. Matt began his working career at Aspen Meadows Resort in Aspen, Colorado. Matt married Lara (Morey) Morgrette on February 9, 2019, and she survives him. Matt and Lara moved to Denver, Colorado, where Matt worked as a Health Inspector for the City of Denver. Matt and Lara had recently moved back to Michigan and were living in Traverse City, where Matt was working as a Business Solutions Specialist for Gordon Food Service. Matt was a cancer survivor twice; he loved the Indy 500, concerts, MSU sports, traveling, his friends, posters, Dead & Co, Greensky Bluegrass, Billy Strings and The Grateful Gnome.

Matt is survived by his wife Lara of Saginaw Twp., MI; his parents, Ted and Julie Morgrette of Saginaw, MI; his brother, Brandon and Jesika Morgrette of Florida; his nephew and niece, Colin and Mila; his father & mother-in-law, John and Cynthia Morey of Saginaw Twp., MI; his sister & brother-in-law, Cassidy & Andrew Price of Chicago, IL; his Goddaughter, Josie Peake (Nick &

Alexis Peake); and all the Big'ol Babes.

In accordance with family wishes, cremation will take place.

Friends are welcome to visit with the family on Friday, October 28, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Wakeman Funeral Home, 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI. Matt's funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2022, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3427 Adams Ave., Saginaw, MI. The Rev. Matthew Hauser will officiate. Friends are welcome to visit the family at the church on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Matt will be laid to rest, with his Grandparents, in Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery at a later date.

Livestreaming of the Matthew Morgrette service will be available on Peace Lutheran's youtube page: [www.youtube.com/peacesaginaw](http://www.youtube.com/peacesaginaw)

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider memorial contributions to the Leukemia Foundation, Hawkins Award Scholarship @ Saginaw Community Foundation or to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Memories and sympathies of Matt may be shared with the family on his memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

4700 Brockway Rd.  
Saginaw, MI 48638

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.  
1218 N. Michigan Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
(989) 752-8531  
wakemanfh@charter.net

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church  
3427 Adams Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48602

## Funeral Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church  
3427 Adams Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48602



# Tribute Wall

DT

“*Ted and Julie: Thana called us with the news of Matthew’s passing. Our condolences are with you and your family will be in our prayers and thoughts. God’s healing power will be present now and forever.*  
*Doug and Sharon Thiede*”

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**Doug and Sharon Thiede** - October 29, 2022 at 10:15 PM

JB

“*Matt and I worked together at the City and County of Denver for over two years as Public Health Investigators. Right away, I liked his energy and enthusiasm, his thirst for life, and how friendly he was. I kept hearing great things about him at work and after going on a couple of inspections together, we learned a lot from each other, we connected over live music, beer, and traveling. I told Matt that he lit up like a Christmas tree every time he talked about Lara, his family and Michigan State. I’m sending Lara and Matt’s family my deepest condolences. I’m so sorry.*”

*Juan C. Gamez Briceno. Ridgefield, Washington.*

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**Juan C Gamez Briceno** - October 29, 2022 at 06:46 PM

SP

“*It is clear from the memories and comments posted on this wall and the large attendance at the service this morning that Matt made an impact on all of us during his short time. I am grateful to have called him a friend and will treasure our memories together. Sending love and support to Lara, his family, and all who are mourning this great loss.*”

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**Stephanie Bennett Pugliese** - October 29, 2022 at 02:59 PM

DL

“ Matt had a huge impact on his coworkers at the Denver Dept of Public Health and Environment. I am so very thankful we had the chance to know him. Wishing Lara and his family and friends peace and comfort.

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**Danica Lee** - October 29, 2022 at 12:11 PM

SP

“ *Link to Matt's Slideshow Pictures*

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0frutbga1xkl2qy/AABs7HsR0oE4jwyLr\\_KYjCm6a?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0frutbga1xkl2qy/AABs7HsR0oE4jwyLr_KYjCm6a?dl=0)

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**Suzie Park** - October 28, 2022 at 09:43 PM

SP

“ *509 files added to the album Matt Slideshow Pictures*



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**Suzie Park** - October 28, 2022 at 09:27 PM

BH

“ *Ted, Julie and Brandon. So sorry for your loss. You are all in our prayers!*

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**Bonnie Herbolsheimer** - October 28, 2022 at 08:00 PM

EK

“ *Lara, Ted & Julie, Brandon and family –*

*There just aren't words that can possibly express the sense of loss and brokenness I feel after learning of Matt's accident and passing. My heart truly hurts, and I can only try thinking of the times with Matt like being at Jesika and Brandon's house having BBQ and sitting around the bonfire hearing Matts laughter above all else.*

*May GOD comfort us all.*

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**Ed Knudholt** - October 28, 2022 at 07:50 PM

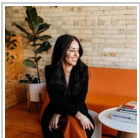


“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



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October 28, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ *Dear Lara & Family, my heart is filled with such sadness for each of you and the pain I know this tragic loss has brought forth to you all. I feel absolutely honored to have met Matt and Lara for the short time I was able to help them in their move back to MI. Matt was an incredible guy and their love for one another was always very apparent. Lara has a smile and laugh that could light up a room and I pray she holds onto that as it's contagious. May Matt shine down from the Heavens above and know he will never be forgotten ❤️*

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**Erika Nita** - October 28, 2022 at 01:57 PM

BE

“ To Matt's loving, grieving family. We're truly saddened with the news of Matt's untimely passing. May He who carried all our sorrows and went to the cross assure you of His gracious presence. While we are at a huge loss to understand Matt's leaving ironically we can't even imagine the joy and beauty of heaven.... even as we stumble through the deep grief of this loss. Our love to you all! Bert and Jan Eggers

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**Bert and Jan Eggers** - October 28, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.



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October 28, 2022 at 12:50 PM

HF

“ *Hamill's Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



Hamill's Family - October 28, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



October 28, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



October 28, 2022 at 07:34 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



October 27, 2022 at 09:07 PM

JW

“ *Lara, Ted, Julie, John and Cindy! Words can't express how heartbroken we are of Matt's passing! He made our lives so much better being in it! We will love him forever. Jim & Kim Webb*

Jim & Kim Webb - October 27, 2022 at 08:28 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



October 27, 2022 at 05:23 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



October 27, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



October 27, 2022 at 04:11 PM

VR

“ Dear Lara, Ted and Julie, We were so very sorry to learn the circumstances of Matt’s passing. We remember him fondly as a 3rd grade gate keeper who warmly welcomed Rich as a new student at Bethlehem. His kind and outgoing personality made him a pleasure to be around and we have many fun memories of school activities. We pray that you find comfort in memories of the joy he brought to your lives, and in the sure knowledge you will see his dear face one day in heaven. God’s comfort and our sincere condolences. Dick and Vicki Ross

Vicki Ross - October 27, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.



October 27, 2022 at 01:17 PM

TF

“ The Alliant Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.



The Alliant Family - October 27, 2022 at 12:18 PM

KY

“ *Lara, I am so sorry this happened. One day you will remember how lucky you were to have Matts love with wonder and smiles, Not grief.*

*Karen Young*

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**karen young** - October 27, 2022 at 11:50 AM

BR

“ *I used to work with Matt at the City of Denver. We chatted right after he accepted his new job and he was so excited to move to MI to start this next chapter. I am so sorry to hear the news. I really enjoyed working with him and becoming friends. I know how hard loss is.*

*Sharing in your sadness.*

*Brooke*

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**Brooke** - October 27, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



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October 27, 2022 at 07:57 AM

CD

“ *Lara + Family,  
My deepest sympathy and condolences to you all. I'm heartbroken for you and pray for your peace and serenity.  
Matt was awesome. My first memory, the first time I met him, we looked at each other and said simultaneously, "I like your style"! For the next 5 years I sat next to him, and we became friends. Before Matt and Lara left for Michigan, I called them family. Matt is a reminder of the goodness that can exist in the world. I miss him deeply and cherish the memories.*

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**Christopher Danchik** - October 27, 2022 at 12:58 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



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October 26, 2022 at 10:56 PM

KV

“ *Although I didn't have the opportunity to meet this young man, it's crystal clear that he was a remarkable human who made lasting impressions in people's lives and their hearts. Prayers are being said that those special memories that will never fade give all of you who loved him so the strength and comfort you need. Lean on one another and I pray you feel the power of prayer surrounding you and know you're in many of our hearts and minds. We may be strangers yet many of us truly care. Kay Vertz/Munising*

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**Kay Vertz** - October 26, 2022 at 09:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



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October 26, 2022 at 07:58 PM



“ *My family, including my young boys, have gotten to know Matthew and his family very well over the years through the larger family we share in the Grateful Dead community and consider them dear friends. I cannot fathom the pain they all are eduring because we are all devastated ourselves. All I know is that so long as our love for Matthew endures in us that are left here, as he travels down the Golden Road to paradise on the glorious tour that never ends, he will walk in both worlds. There are no words that can heal, but if I knew the way I would take you home. God bless your family.*

*- Paul Zalewski and family #NFA*

*"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30).*

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**Paul Zalewski** - October 26, 2022 at 06:49 PM

BD

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of Matt. I had the pleasure to work with him in Denver and just always found him to be engaging, kind, and a lot of fun, even in sometimes challenging work. Please know that he was universally loved and respected and will be missed. May the happy memories of him light your path forward as you navigate this time and in the days and months ahead.

*Brendan Doyle*

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**Brendan Doyle** - October 26, 2022 at 03:58 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.



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October 26, 2022 at 03:31 PM

SH

“ Smillie Plumbing and Heating purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.



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**Smillie Plumbing and Heating** - October 26, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.



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October 26, 2022 at 12:46 PM

CL

“ Claire, Tanisha, Joe and Lauren purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.



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**Claire, Tanisha, Joe and Lauren** - October 26, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.



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October 26, 2022 at 11:28 AM

BW

“ To know Matt is to love him. But it was also to learn from him.

*Knowing Matt means I now know things I never in my wildest dreams would imagine to learn.*

*Like how to operate an auger, the history of every band and their musicians, the different types of bricks found at the Indy 500 track, why Birkenstocks are the superior shoe, all of my favorite restaurant's food code violations over the past six months, or why belonging to the Grateful Gnome's mug club was a fiscally responsible decision (corroborated with sufficient mathematical data),*

*However my favorite thing I learned from Matt is how to be generous. Matt was always generous with his friendship and with his affection. He never let an opportunity to tell you how he felt go by.*

*And because of that, there wasn't a goodbye with Matt that didn't include an I love you.*

*To know Matt was to love and be loved by him.*

*We love you Matt, we'll see you for dinner club again someday.*



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**Brent & Sarah Warren** - October 26, 2022 at 10:29 AM

TW

*Beautifully said Sarah*

**Tom Warren** - October 26, 2022 at 06:28 PM

TW

*And Brent. Condolences to Laura and Matt's family and friends*

**Tom Warren** - October 26, 2022 at 06:31 PM

JW

*Wow what a beautiful tribute a very special person. ❤️*

**Janet Warren** - October 26, 2022 at 08:40 PM

PJ

“ *Pat and Allie Jeffrey - Concert Junkies purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



**Pat and Allie Jeffrey - Concert Junkies** - October 26, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



October 26, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



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October 26, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ *Matt and our son Adonis used to hang out together just about every day during their teenage years as best friends. Matt was like a third son to me. I was devastated when he was diagnosed with leukemia! Thats when I learned of his strength and thirst for life. I have been so blessed to have had him in my life! ✨ It was such an honor and privilege to have been a part of Matt & Lara's wedding. They showed such unimaginable love for each other. May the comfort of God's Love be ever-present with Matt, Lara, and their families ❤️*



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**Gerry Freiman** - October 26, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *Kurtz-Hillman Automotive Tom and Troy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



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**Kurtz-Hillman Automotive Tom and Troy** - October 26, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.



October 26, 2022 at 07:44 AM



“ Matt and Lara opened their home for me when I went to CO. They took me to Red rocks to experience the venue they loved so much. Their hospitality was beyond measure and the love they showed each other is one for the books. My heart goes out to his wife, their families and all who loved him.

mary guevara-schmidt - October 25, 2022 at 11:59 PM



“ Our hearts Hurt for you. Matt and our son Raymond went to high school together. He would come over and Pitch baseballs with Raymond.  
Our condolence to all the family, you will be in our prayers. The Guerrero family 🙏

Guerrero - October 25, 2022 at 10:50 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.



October 25, 2022 at 09:54 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



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October 25, 2022 at 09:44 PM



“ *Matt, I knew you because you were in my sisters' class in grade school at Bethlehem, that huge class that seemed so tight-knit and still is to this day. There were so many things about you I admired- your strength, tenacity, and grace as you defeated cancer not once but twice, your love of the outdoors and out West, your love of the Spartans. Micah, Darla, and I will be at Red Rocks this weekend for a concert and we'll be thinking about you. You'll be there sharing a beer with us in spirit. Rest easy, my friend. See you on the other side.*



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**Jon Weiss** - October 25, 2022 at 09:40 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



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October 25, 2022 at 07:45 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



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October 25, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ *Dearest Morey Family and Morgrette Family, we are so sorry to hear about Matt's passing. We are praying for God's love to encircle all of you during this time. Jim and Kathy Bocade Resurrection Lutheran Church*



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**Kathy Bocade** - October 25, 2022 at 07:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



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October 25, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



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October 25, 2022 at 06:43 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



October 25, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ *I had Matthew in my class at Great Beginnings when he was in Preschool . He was such a joy to take care of and I have never forgotten him . Thank you Ted and Julie for bringing him there . May God watch over you all as you go through this difficult time . Love ,Ms Di*

**Diane Hammond** - October 25, 2022 at 06:04 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



October 25, 2022 at 05:48 PM



“ *Kathy Wangler TEXAS - Rundell Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Matthew R. Morgrette.*



**Kathy Wangler TEXAS - Rundell Family** - October 25, 2022 at 05:48 PM