



Matthew Lee France

June 20, 1974 - September 11, 2021

Matthew Lee France, 47 of Barboursville, WV, made his journey into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, September 11, 2021 in Cabell Huntington Hospital. He was born June 20, 1974 the son of Audley Clyde France of Huntington, WV and the late, Donna Jean Eplion Houck. Matt had an amazing heart, was a caregiver, a 1992 graduate of Milton High School an avid outdoorsman and Case knife collector. He was a member of Christ Temple Church where he was also a member of the Men's Fraternity. In addition to his mother, Matt was preceded in death by his step-father, John Paul Houck. He is survived by his loving wife, Tammy Mays France of Barboursville, WV; one son, Caleb France of Barboursville and one daughter, Anna France of Barboursville; brothers, Greg (Rhonda) France of Huntington, WV and Tim (Marlene) France of Hobart, OK; step-sister, Johnetta (Randy) Brandon of Humble, TX and step-brother, Jamey (Crystal) Houck of Ona, WV; father and mother-in-law, Dwight and Linda Mays of Barboursville, WV; brother-in-law, Chris (Connie) Mays of Barboursville, WV; and sister-in-law, Rebecca (Phillip) Skeens of Austintown, OH. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary, 6357 E. Pea Ridge Rd. Huntington, WV near Barboursville with Pastor Chuck Lawrence and Pastor Dwight Mays officiating. The family will receive friends on Friday, September 17, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary. The services will be LIVE STREAMED at 2:00 PM on Saturday on the Henson and Kitchen Mortuary, Website, Facebook and YouTube pages. In lieu of flowers Matt would want

memorial contributions to be made to assist with the care of his two children. Check's may be made payable to his wife, Tammy France. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.hensonandkitchen.com

Previous Events

Visitation - Following COVID-19 Guidelines

SEP **17**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Henson & Kitchen Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew Lee France*



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ *Matthew Lee France*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to you Tammy, Anna and Caleb!! I just can't believe Matt is gone!! I had just spoke with him a few weeks before he passed and he shared pics of you guys with me to see how much you guys have grown up..Matt was always a great friend to talk to and I will always remember the many laughs that I shared with your family around the Cracker Barrel dinner table...Matt will be truly missed Until the day that we are all reunited in heaven!! I will continually keep you in my thoughts and prayers!!!
Love Tabitha Ramos*



tabitha ramos - September 22, 2021 at 05:15 PM

RM

“ A good, good man, gone far to soon. R.I.P. Matt, you will be missed. My sincerest condolences to your family.
Ron [TSAR]

Ron Miner - September 19, 2021 at 07:39 PM

LW

“ Heaven gained, but we definitely lost. Precious friend. Love and praying for his precious wife, Tammy, and children.

Linda Wright - September 19, 2021 at 06:12 AM

RN

“ My Heart Goes Out To The France Family, Tammy, Caleb, I met Matt in 2016 at SMKW Event and knew then he was a good man and honest, He was always ready to help one of his Case Knife Family. Going to Miss You My W.Va. Friend.. May You Rest In Peace We'll See Each Other Again I'm Sure..... Ronnie (hauhy)

Ronnie Newsom - September 19, 2021 at 06:07 AM

JM

“ You will be missed by so many. Praying for the family you will never be forgotten.



Janet Maddix - September 18, 2021 at 03:02 PM

SH

“ Tammy, Caleb and Anna,

Our sincerest condolences. I had the deepest respect for Matt, he was clearly a family man with such a great love for the three of you. Remember the good times, smiles, and laughter, this is what keeps you strong. I truly enjoyed our time that we spent at the Case events, we had some really good laughs. We shared that brotherhood of the outdoors and you passed it onto others, especially Caleb. Rest easy now Matt, for you are walking in the forest with no worries, troubles or sorrow. Hunt that big buck and gobbler. I will miss you!

Scott Harrington

Scott Harrington - September 18, 2021 at 11:53 AM

TB

“ My best friend/brother Matt you are greatly missed by many. From the time we first met something clicked and a friendship was born but it wasn't long before we became more like brothers. Then we found out we shared our June 20th birthdays and we celebrated every year since then. It may have been just us for breakfast, dinner with our families and maybe both a time or two. I'll never forget the long 2-3hr conversations filled with things of life but most of all the laughs. No matter what was wrong we always ended up laughing and sometimes those big belly laughs would take over. I remember once we got so tickled and laughing those long hard belly laughs and the table about fell over. I'll never forget those times brother and will celebrate you each year my birthday twin and yes you are the younger little brother. You were the one who I could count on 24/7 and vice versa. So many memories were made that I'll cherish forever. As Tammy, Caleb and Anna says their final farewells today I'll just say "See you later my friend." An empty space in many hearts you'll leave but memories made we'll carry forever. My family & I will be here for your family just like we were for each other. Love you and see you later my brother, my best friend.

Todd Beckley - September 18, 2021 at 11:51 AM

SH

“ My heartfelt condolences to his wife and children. Matt was taken way too soon. He always had a smile on his face every time I saw him. I will never forget you Matt.

Stanley Hollingsworth - September 18, 2021 at 11:23 AM

AL

“ *Matt was such a joy to be around. From the moment you met him you could see his passion for family and of course Case knives. I was saddened to hear of his passing and am honored to have known him. Tammy, Caleb and Anna, you have my deepest sympathy. Rest In Peace Matt.....*

Andy Larrison - September 18, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew Lee France.*



September 17, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - September 17, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ 213 files added to the album LifeTributes



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - September 17, 2021 at 10:32 AM

WH

“ *I was very sorry to hear about Matt's passing. He was a great man, and all who met him had an instant friend. My condolences to Tammy, Caleb and Anna. I am sure Matt will be watching over all of you from heaven, as his love knows no bounds.*

W. Gary Hardy - September 16, 2021 at 09:27 AM

JH

“ *Matt was a great man liked by everyone he met. His friendly demeanor will be missed by all. I for one, truly enjoyed his company at knife events. His smile was contagious. My heartfelt condolences to his family. Rest in Peace Matt.*

Jim Hoshell - September 16, 2021 at 07:37 AM

DR

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Matt for the 1st time in 2016 at his first Case knife event and he was a blessing to me in so many ways. The kindest person who loved his family and made friends easily. He always texted just to check in to see how we all were doing or to tell me about his latest knife. Matt is going to be missed by so many and my thoughts and prayers go out to Tammy and his children.



Deni Richardson - September 15, 2021 at 10:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew Lee France.



September 15, 2021 at 04:57 PM

WH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Matt's passing. All who knew Matt had an instant friend. My most sincere condolences to Tammy, Caleb and Anna. Matt will forever be watching over you as his love knows no boundaries.

W. Gary Hardy

W. Gary Hardy - September 15, 2021 at 04:16 PM

YF

“ *Your Work Family(2nd floor) purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Matthew Lee France.*



Your Work Family(2nd floor) - September 15, 2021 at 01:47 PM

MM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mark Meyer - September 15, 2021 at 10:06 AM

BH

Matt will be missed by many. He was always happy and joyful. I was just talking with him about a week before he became ill. Rest In Peace my friend.

Barry Hall - September 15, 2021 at 02:34 PM

MM

“ *Matt I will miss our weakly phone calls and text messages you were an incredible friend with a big heart and I will miss seeing you. Tammy Caleb and Anna he loved you so much and anyone who meet Matt is better off.*

Mark Meyer - September 15, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Matthew Lee France.*



September 15, 2021 at 08:46 AM



“ *France family,
I am so sorry for your loss! I was Matt's first grade teacher. My memories of Matt were when he was young. He was so interested in learning to read. He loved books and reading. He'd much rather read than do written work.
I remember all three of these boys growing up and appreciate the fine men they became.
Matt will be missed by so many!
Peggy Fillmore*

Peggy Fillmore - September 14, 2021 at 05:13 PM



“ *Matt, you will be missed terribly! We love you, and we'll see you on the other side soon!!*



tim and Karen Fischer - September 13, 2021 at 02:29 PM

MR

“ You were the ornery baby brother of my best friend who always threatened to rat on us for doing things we weren’t supposed to be doing when I spent the night at your house. You grew into a full fledged man who loved and cherished his family. A great father, wonderful husband, loving brother, and incredibly loyal friend. You loved your Packers, you always reached out to check on me when I was down, and you always had a joke or story to make me smile when I didn’t want to. I love you Matt, my heart aches that you’re gone. But I’ll carry you with me in my heart the rest of my life. I’d always tell you to get a haircut hippie...your response? “You’re just jealous you ain’t got no hair no more”...😭😭😭😭😭😭😭RIP my brother❤️

mark ratcliff - September 13, 2021 at 12:59 AM

OW

“ Onathia Watts lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee France



Onathia Watts - September 13, 2021 at 12:58 AM