



## Matthew J. Baltozer

July 21, 1977 - February 10, 2018

It is with great sadness, the family of Matthew John Baltozer, Mount Joy, announces his passing on, into the loving arms of his Savior. He passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the age of 40 years. He was born July 21, 1977 in Hershey, the son of Joseph and Kathy (Nye) Baltozer.

Matthew had an insatiable love for music since he was a little boy. He lived and breathed music and was constantly expressing his heart through songs. His favorite thing was playing his electric guitar. And most recently, playing for his audience...his rescue cat named Patience.

He had a brilliant mind with technology, priding himself on being able to fix things that many 'pros' couldn't even figure out.

Most importantly, no matter how hard life threw him curveballs, he was a fighter to the end. His faith in Jesus became his steadfast Rock. And because of that, his love and compassion for others became stronger and stronger. Many have come to lean on him over the years as their 'counselor' friend, as he was filled with so much wisdom and compassion, and always spurred others to keep pressing on, no matter how hard the journey.

His life was a testimony to many: never judge the appearance of man.....for

God sees the heart. And Matthew had a gift to see every heart that was hurting, often crying for them in the midnight hours. If there's one life lesson Matthew would want us all to remember, it would be, "Forgive....so that you can be forgiven."

He treasured each person in his life and wanted the best for them. Matthew means "gift of God", and John means "God is gracious". Matthew wanted his life to be a gift to others, and show them that God is gracious toward us, no matter the struggle.

Matthew is lovingly remembered by his daughters, Kayla (with first grandbaby on the way) and Alyssa, parents Joe and Kathy, siblings Justin (Rebecca), Ashley, Josiah, maternal grandmother Orpha Nye, and large extended family and dear friends.

Matthew is predeceased by his grandparents Harold Nye, and William and Mildred Baltozer, and an infant brother, Derrick.

A Celebration of Matthew's life will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 47 West Main Street, Mount Joy on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at 5 PM. Matthew's family will receive friends from 3:30 - 5PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Humane League of Lancaster County, [humaneleague.com](http://humaneleague.com) would be deeply appreciated by his family.

# Tribute Wall

CK

“ *Kathy and Joe, So sorry to hear about Matt. My thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”

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**Cathy Kirby** - March 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Joe & Kathy, our hearts go out to you on Matthew's passing. We know the pain and heartache and will be lifting your family up in prayer. God bless and comfort all of you.* ”

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**Gary & Lynne Forry** - February 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Kathy, Ashley and Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. My heart is breaking for you all! Cindy Smithfield (From HVAC Dist.)* ”

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**Cindy Smithfield** - February 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ *My dear cousin Matt, I will never forget the many good times we shared over the years! You will never be forgotten and there will always be that special place in my heart for you. I just wish we could have had at least one more of our long talks about anything, everything and nothing. Missing you dearly!* ”

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**Heather Lash** - February 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Matt you will be dearly missed!!! Our campfire nights and get togethers will never be the same without you. Not only those but as the caring neighbor you were to us, deeming yourself "our neighborhood Spider-Man". We are pained from losing you but know you are at peace in heaven looking down on us. Rest easy dear friend. We miss you!

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**Cameron & Brittany Nolt** - February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Kathy, Ashley and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Prayers. Michael and Donna Costigan

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**Donna Costigan** - February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Joe and Kathy...my heart hurts for you. Matt is with God now. My deepest sympathy to you.

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**Kathy Derr** - February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Sending our love and support in this very difficult time, God has received another special young man and now can hold him close, as we do for you, may God's love hold you through these hours of loss.

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**Alan Secrest** - February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Pastors Douglas and Gretchen Madea Our love and prayers go out to the entire Baltozer and Nye family and friends of Matthew. We pray specifically that the Lord lifts your sorrow and surrounds you with His great loving mercy and peace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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**Pastors Douglas and Gretchen Madea,** - February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Your passing reminds me of a quote; "The flame that burns Twice as bright burns half as long."-Lao Tzu, Te Tao Ching You definitely burned bright! Thanks for all that you shared with me. I will cherish it all, with a smile and a glad heart, always and forever. You may have thought of me as an uncle but thought of you as an honest brother that I could share anything with. I will miss you, "The Incredible Hulk". Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

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**Dale Sipling** - February 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM