



Matthew David Ciurej

January 14, 1986 - December 29, 2025

It is with saddened hearts that Matthew David Ciurej entered eternal rest on December 29, 2025 in Denver, Colorado as a result of a seizure.

Matthew was born January 14, 1986, the son of Jim and Kim Ciurej. He graduated from Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri in 2004. He was a member of the Honor Guard and played football while at Wentworth. Matt was awarded an academic scholarship to attend Valley Forge Military College in Wayne, Pennsylvania upon graduation. While at Valley Forge, Matt was president of his 2006 class. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army.

Matt moved to Fort Collins, Colorado where his older brother, Kevin was attending Colorado State University. Matt served in the Colorado National Guard including the 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group and completed his education at CSU and American Military University online. While living in Fort Collins, Matt worked for Mosaic, a facility for disabled adults.

Matt loved the mountains, especially snowboarding and mountain biking. He followed his Philadelphia Eagles religiously from the age of 9. His love of dogs and service animals led him to own 2 Golden Retriever therapy dogs: Cali and Annie.

In 2011, Matt suffered a traumatic brain injury while riding his bicycle in Breckenridge, Colorado. The years following his accident proved to be a struggle.

Although Matt died at an early age, he lived life to the fullest.

Matt is survived by his parents, Jim and Kim Ciurej, his brothers, Kevin (Courtney) and Peter, his niece and nephew, Savannah and Camden, many aunts, uncles and cousins, and his godfather Pat Troshynski. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Vernon and Dorothy Olson, Frank and Loretta Ciurej, his aunt and godmother, Jane Hummel, and his great aunt, Pat (Gigi) Halski.

In lieu of flowers, please donate memorials to the Nebraska Humane Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church
307 E Miegs
Valley, NE 68064

Mass of the Christian Burial

APR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church
307 East Meigs Street
Valley, NE 68064

Burial

APR 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Cemetery
7506 South 36th Street
Omaha, NE 68147

Tribute Wall

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“It’s hard to put into words how much the world is going to miss Matt. His laughter and unique personality were truly one of a kind, something you felt the moment you met him and carried with you long after.

Matty was one of the first friends I made when I moved to Colorado, and from the start, we just clicked. Some of my favorite memories will always be the days we spent snowboarding and mountain biking through Breckenridge and Copper, or just hanging out at A-Basin, throwing the ball for Cali Girl on “the beach.” Those moments, simple, fun, and full of laughter are ones I’ll hold onto forever.

We shared so much more than just good times. Whether it was cheering on our NFL teams or getting into deep, thoughtful conversations about politics, religion, and what we hoped for in the future, Matty had a way of making every moment meaningful. He listened, he cared, and he always brought his own perspective in a way that made you think and smile at the same time.

Matty was the king of one-liners. He could make anyone laugh within seconds, no matter the situation. But beyond the humor, it was his kindness and warmth that truly defined him. He made people feel seen, welcomed, and valued and that’s a rare gift.

I’m going to miss him more than words can say. But I’m incredibly grateful for the memories we shared and the friendship we built. Rest in peace, brother. You’ll always be with me.

- Dave Scott



Dave Scott - April 11 at 02:54 PM

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“ Linda W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew David Ciurej.

Linda W. - April 11 at 10:13 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew David Ciurej.



April 10 at 03:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Matthew David Ciurej.

April 10 at 03:09 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Matthew David Ciurej.



April 09 at 12:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew David Ciurej.*



April 06 at 05:01 PM



“ *Sherry L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew David Ciurej.*

Sherry L. - April 03 at 10:20 AM