



Matthew McAlpin

December 1, 1969 - January 20, 2026

Matthew Allen, was born on December 1st, 1969 to Edward Allen McAlpin & Marilyn Kaye (Lytle) Tatro. He passed away from heart failure on January 20th, 2026 at the age of 57 years, 1 month & 19 days.

Matt was just an infant when his father, Edward, was killed in an automobile accident. His Mom was remarried to Bethel Tatro who raised Matt & his siblings as his own.

Matt graduated from Alva High School with the class of 1988. While in school he was a member of the Electric Gold Showchoir. He then attended NWOSU and was a member of the University Choir & the Soundsations ensemble. He had an amazing singing voice and was asked to sing at many weddings, funerals and special occasions around Alva.

After graduation, Matt went to work at Arrowhead West in Medicine Lodge, KS. He then moved to Scottsdale, AZ for a few years where he worked as a department manager of a grocery store, moving back to Alva when his Mom, Kaye, passed away from cancer. Matt then went to work for VAP until his health started to deteriorate.

Moving into his Mother's home after she passed, Matt was gracious enough to continue hosting all of the family at his home for Thanksgiving & Christmas dinners. For Christmas dinner, it became a tradition that he would make one big pot of chili and one pot of homemade chicken & noodles (specifically for his niece, Kayleigh, who would not eat chili). After eating, the family would gather into the living room to play Yahtzee & watch the movie A Christmas

Story.

Not having children of his own, Matt loved & spoiled his nieces & nephews as if they were his own. He was one of the best Uncles a child could have.

Besides his parents, Matt was preceded in death by his sister, Michelle, and a niece, Lilly Aunna .

Matt is survived by his brother Jeff McAlpin & wife, Diane, of Alva; his sisters Amy Allen of OKC , Anna Marie Huffmaster of Fort Smith, AR. & Yvonne Roysdon & husband, Lynn, of Silsbee, TX; his step-brother, Dick Tatro & wife, Brenda, of Kansas City; his nephews Jon McAlpin & fiancé, Ruth Anne Fox, Andrew Earle & wife, Nathathia, Edward McAlpin & wife, Amanda, Timmy Earle & partner, Emily, Quentin Ryel, & Dalton Allen; his nieces Rebecca Earl & partner, Marcus, McKenzie Roach & husband, David, & Kayleigh McAlpin; his 5 great nephews: Bentley, Zachary, Aaron, Brant & Kasai, and 2 great nieces: Isabella & Graycee; his very best friend Tracie Gokey Bouziden, & close friends Dana Gokey Stanton & husband, Andy; along with many other relatives & friends.

In lieu of flowers Memorial Contributions may be made to a Love Fund through Wharton Funeral Chapel

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wharton's Funeral Chapel
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Celebration of Life

JAN **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

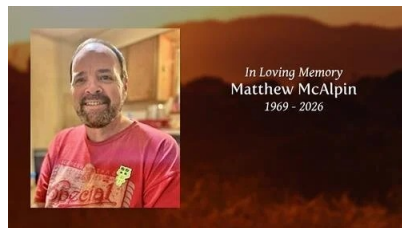


“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Wharton Funeral Chapel - January 28 at 06:19 PM



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew McAlpin*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - January 29 at 06:29 PM

AH

Thank you so much for posting these...wonderfull!

Anna Huffmaster - January 29 at 07:11 PM

LC

“ *Lydia Campbell lit a candle in memory of Matthew McAlpin*



Lydia Campbell - February 01 at 12:58 PM



“ 121 files added to the album *Matthew Memories Album*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - January 29 at 06:29 PM

LC

Loved Matt and so enjoyed going to The First Presnyterian Church in Alva, OK. Matt was such a joy to r around. One could tell that he really cared. Will miss you Matt, but know you are in a better place! I will miss you!!

Lydia Campbell - February 01 at 01:06 PM

KC

“ *Matt was always kind, gentle spirit, enjoyed being around him. Sorry that he suffered the last years of his life. Rest in peace, know how much you were loved here on earth.. prayers of comfort for his family that he leaves behind. Cousin Kimberley*

Kimberley Carter - January 28 at 08:18 PM

JW

“ I went to school with Matt from our days at Washington, through middle school, and all the way to graduating together with the Class of 1988. Matt was genuinely one of the kindest people I have ever known. Long before any of us had figured out who we were—or who we wanted to be—Matt was kind. And even after we all thought we had ourselves figured out, he remained the same steady, thoughtful soul.

Back in middle school, I was not one of the girls the boys were lining up to dance with. “Awkward” would’ve been a generous description. But it never mattered to Matt. At those painfully awkward middle school dances, he would always ask me to dance. Not because he had to, and not even necessarily because he wanted to dance with me, but because he wanted to be kind. And I wasn’t the only one—Matt made sure every girl standing along the edges got a moment to feel included. I’m pretty sure he danced to every song.

We grew older, and even when I no longer went to dances, and even though we didn’t run in the same circles in high school, Matt was still kind. A friendly word in the hallway, a quick conversation in a class we shared—small things that made a difference.

After school, we both left Alva for a time. But whenever our paths crossed, he was the same Matt. He always stopped, always talked, always seemed genuinely interested in how life was treating me.

I pushed myself to attend our 25th class reunion, even though I didn’t feel especially welcomed by many. But Matt—true to form—was one of the few who made me feel seen. That meant more than he ever knew.

I will never forget him or the kindness he carried so naturally. I will miss him. The world was truly a better place with him in it.

Jenni Worley - January 28 at 03:28 PM

AH

“ I wish I had loads of memories to share....just remember you as a child when we came to your house to play cards and stuff...gone too soon...I just picture you in Kaye's arms...you will definitely be a grand addition to the choir of angels!!!

Anna Huffmaster - January 28 at 03:16 PM

RE

“ My uncle. My best friend growing up. The one I could talk to about ABSOLUTELY anything and everything. Thank you for loving me like YOUR child and not just your niece. Thank you for teaching me to be bold and never care what others think but be respectful of their opinions. Thank you for just being YOU. I'll miss you so much. My heart is broken, but im thankful you're no longer suffering, and I hope you felt us with you when you left. I love you forever, I'll miss you forever. Until we meet again, your first neice, Becca 🥹💔

Rebecca Earle - January 27 at 08:47 PM

SS

“ Matt's kind and gentle spirit shown brightly in his beautiful voice. Peace & comfort to everyone who loves and misses him.
Love, Shona

Shona Scouten - January 27 at 08:16 PM

PF

“ Matt you were always such a kind boy. I've got many childhood memories of you. Rest in Peace.
Love Doll

Pamela Fisher - January 24 at 12:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Matthew McAlpin.



January 24 at 12:04 PM