



Matthew Anthony Gallagher

December 17, 1982 - June 9, 2015

MATTHEW ANTHONY GALLAGHER, 32

LAKELAND - Matthew A. Gallagher, 32, was born on December 17, 1982, in Orlando, FL, and passed away on June 9, 2015, in St. Louis, MO. He was raised in Lakeland and attended St. Josephs, Santa Fe Catholic and Johnson and Wales College. Matthew worked for the Veterans Advocate Program. He served in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He was proud to serve in the 82nd Airborne, 4th Battalion, Parachute Infantry Regiment, Ft. Bragg, NC, and was awarded the Infantry Combat Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal, along with other medals and accommodations. His family and many friends remember his compassion, sense of humor, kindness, and quick wit. He was extremely proud of his brothers of the Shark Tank and the missions they accomplished.

Matthew is survived by his father, Timothy Gallagher (Theresa), his mother, Gisele Roy, his siblings, Jason Gallagher (Katie) of Grundy, VA, Katelyn Overby (Philip) of Jacksonville Beach, FL, John Wakeman of Lakeland, FL, Heather Wakeman of Washington D.C., and Amber Wakeman of Orlando, FL, his grandparents, Armand and Dolores Roy, Patricia Piersa, and the late Robert Piersa, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and loving friends.

A visitation will be held on Friday, June 12, 2015, from 6-8 pm at Gentry Morrison Funeral Home, Serenity Gardens, 3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland. A service will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015, at 1:30 pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Matthew may be

made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS, 66675.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN **13.** 1:30 PM (ET)

St Joseph's Catholic Church
210 W. Lemon Street
Lakeland, FL 33815

Tribute Wall



“ *I met Matthews father Tim today while at Arlington National Cemetery. I wish I could have known Matthew in life, but I am honored to have found him in peace. I believe He was a wonderful person and is now a wonderful soul whom I will always remember even tho we never met life.*

Roland Parent - December 16, 2017 at 09:31 PM

DA

“ *There are no words to describe this loss... Our hearts and prayers are with you....*

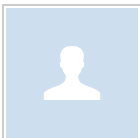
Matt was such a delight. So many memories, but the one that leaps out is how he jumped in to show his gourmet skills at the 50th anniversary party for his friend's grandparents. Things were not going smoothly and Matt saw the problem, rolled up his sleeves and made it all work.

So sorry that we will never hear his laugh again.

Let this remind all that life is short. Cherish your family and friends.

Jim and Diane Allen

Diane Lacey Allen - June 15, 2015 at 07:55 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Anthony Gallagher.*



June 12, 2015 at 11:36 AM

BB

“ *Bob and Bobby Breimann purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Matthew Anthony Gallagher.*



Bob and Bobby Breimann - June 12, 2015 at 11:28 AM



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



June 12, 2015 at 08:53 AM