



Matthew Thomas Sherrouse

December 3, 1982 - December 13, 2018

MATTHEW THOMAS SHERROUSE, 36

PARAMEDIC

LAKELAND – Matthew Thomas Sherrouse was born on December 3, 1982 to the parents of Ray T. and Lisa Day Sherrouse. He left this world on December 13, 2018 at the young age of 36. He was a life long resident of Polk County, FL and a 5th generation Floridian.

Mr. Sherrouse is survived by his parents, Ray and Lisa Sherrouse; his brothers, Cody Ray (Lacey) Sherrouse and Jayson Day all of Lakeland; his sisters, Krista (Jordan) Ellithorpe and Susan (Zack) Berkheimer both of Valrico; his nieces, Makenzie and Lindsey and nephew, Cody Raymond. He is also survived by his paternal grandmother, 4 uncles and 5 aunts. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents and paternal grandfather.

Mr. Sherrouse graduated from Bartow High School. He was a member of the marching band, ROTC, Explorers and the medical club. Upon graduation Mr. Sherrouse became an Emergency Medical Technician and later a Paramedic. He was employed at the Polk County Fire Rescue for almost 13 years. Mr. Sherrouse left Polk County to become a supervisor for a private ambulance company. He decided to leave that position to focus on his education. At the end of life, he was working as a monitor technician at BayCare – South Florida Baptist Hospital.

Mr. Sherrouse was very involved in his community. While at Polk County Fire Rescue, he became involved with the union for the employees. He was their

treasure for many years. He also acted as shop steward representing employees in discipline hearings. He became a guardian ad litem to protect the at-risk children in the community. He recently volunteered at Emergency Management placing individuals with special needs in shelters during emergency situations. Mr. Sherrouse devoted his life to helping those in need. Mr. Sherrouse loved a number of things including education, politics, traveling and University of Florida football. In his young life he was blessed to be able to travel all of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bahamas, Jamaica, Haiti and more.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home 1727 Bartow Road Lakeland, FL. An additional visitation will be held from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on Thursday, December 20th at Bethel Baptist Church. Funeral service will follow at 10:00 am.

Cemetery Details

Socrum Cemetery

3125 W. Socrum Loop Rd.
Lakeland, FL 33810

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Visitation

DEC 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Baptist Church
3125 Socrum Loop Road
Lakeland, FL 33810

Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew Thomas Sherrouse*



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AB

Sweet Matthew so many fun memories I have of you. I love and miss you.

Alesia Brown - December 18, 2018 at 12:03 AM



Such a sweet guy always remember you in high school and around town u will be missed by many but never forgotten rip my friend

Nacole Powell - December 18, 2018 at 06:58 PM

CB

I have some pictures of our field trips at highland city elementary I will find and post. I know your family would love to see them. My heart will be with you and them.

crystal buchanan - December 18, 2018 at 07:16 PM



“ *Matthew Thomas Sherrouse*

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM

PS

“ I hadn't known Matthew but for a few months. Matthew had a real heart of gold and certainly one of the sweetest person there is. He truly cared for people.

Pamela Smith - January 31, 2019 at 10:14 PM

CB

“ Our field trip at Highland City Elementary. Mrs. Teets, 1st grade. I believe it's Lowery Park Zoo.



crystal buchanan - December 23, 2018 at 11:35 AM

PD

“ Haven't been around long enough to ride with you at PCFR but I can say you were a funny, amazing person, and a hero. Thank you for saving my life and thank you for your service.

PCFR Cadet Tyrone Durr - December 19, 2018 at 06:06 PM

JB

“ *Peaches was a volunteer for the Polk Hardee Medical Reserve Corps. We went to the emergency Management academy together. I will miss him.. Rest in peace my friend*



Jenn Brandow - December 18, 2018 at 07:57 PM

CA

“ *Carol Allred lit a candle in memory of Matthew Thomas Sherrouse*



Carol Allred - December 17, 2018 at 08:19 PM

CA

I was married to Roy H. Allred, son of Armstead & Velma Allred. God Blessings to you and your family

Carol Allred - December 17, 2018 at 08:24 PM



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