

Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque

December 15, 2000 - April 10, 2026

Matthew "Matt" Roque, age 25, of Crown Point, Indiana, passed away on April 10, 2026, surrounded by his loved ones. While this loss is heavy, we find peace in knowing he is now with God, free from pain and at rest.

Matt is survived by his parents, Hector Roque III and Dianna Roque; his siblings, Lisa Torres (Victor III), David Roque, and Lauren Roque; his nieces, Alyssa, Skyla, Desean, and Deioni; his nephews, Victor IV and James; his grandmother, Antonia (Toni) Melendez; his godfather, Jon Melendez; and Ena Rambo, his "bonus mom"; childhood friends, Elias Gerodemos and Blake Klingberg. He is also survived by many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, (Papa) John Melendez and Hector Roque Jr.; and his grandmother, Ramona "Monin" Roque.

Matt was "a Gift from God" who meant everything to his family and friends. Even in the hardest moments, he kept his faith and had a genuine soul that everyone around him could feel, and that's something we will always carry with us. Truly, to know Matt was to love Matt.

He leaves behind not just memories, but a lasting impact on everyone who knew and loved him. His presence, his spirit, and who he was as a person will never be forgotten.

We hold onto our faith and trust in God's promise that Matt is now at peace, free from suffering, and resting in His presence, where there is no pain and no sorrow.

We want to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at the University of Chicago in Crown Point and Hyde Park for the care, compassion, and love they showed Matt and our family during a time we will never forget.

A memorial visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. The memorial service will begin at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Christian Washington officiating. Please visit Matt's online obituary and guestbook at www.burnsfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR **22**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

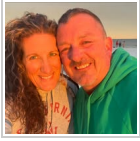
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Dearest Matt,

You showed me what it truly means to be a warrior. I am so thankful for the grace and positivity you carried with you, even when life gave you every reason not to. In the moments we crossed paths in those hospital halls, fighting our own battles side by side, you became more than just someone I knew—you became a light.

You had a way of lifting others, even when you were the one carrying so much. Your strength wasn't just in how you fought, but in how you lived—full of kindness, courage, and an unwavering spirit that refused to be dimmed. You reminded me that even in the hardest days, there is still room for hope, laughter, and connection.

I will always carry the lessons you gave me: to face life with bravery, to choose positivity when it feels impossible, and to never take a single moment for granted. Your impact didn't end with your fight—it lives on in everyone who had the privilege of knowing you.

You were, and always will be, an incredible soul. I am so grateful our paths crossed. I love you, Always.

*Forever inspired by you,
Nichole*

Nichole Zeman - April 23 at 07:53 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



April 22 at 04:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.

April 22 at 04:11 PM



“ Rosa M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.

Rosa M. - April 22 at 11:15 AM



“ With love, The McGrath family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



With love, The McGrath family - April 22 at 12:45 AM

BF

“ *Barajas Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.*



Barajas Family - April 21 at 08:46 PM

AM

“ *Alvin McClain purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.*



Alvin McClain - April 21 at 07:25 PM

AM

“ *Alvin McClain planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.*

Alvin McClain - April 21 at 07:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.*



April 21 at 07:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.

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“ Blake Klingberg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.

Blake Klingberg - April 21 at 05:07 PM



“ Blake Klingberg purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



Blake Klingberg - April 21 at 05:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



April 21 at 01:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



April 21 at 12:48 PM



“ Jose Martinez, UMOS Board and Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.

Jose Martinez, UMOS Board and Staff - April 20 at 02:21 PM



“ Jose Martinez, UMOS Board and Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



Jose Martinez, UMOS Board and Staff - April 20 at 02:21 PM



“ Sergio and Giovana Navarro purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



Sergio and Giovana Navarro - April 18 at 01:57 PM

AG

“ Agnieszka purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



Agnieszka - April 17 at 10:08 PM

CG

“ Crystal Gagnon purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



Crystal Gagnon - April 17 at 09:56 PM

SM

“ Scott Mills purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



Scott Mills - April 16 at 10:55 AM

SM

“ Scott Mills planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.

Scott Mills - April 16 at 10:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.

April 16 at 06:46 AM



“ The Matos Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



The Matos Family - April 15 at 04:56 PM



“ Thomas and Lydia Roop purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



Thomas and Lydia Roop - April 15 at 03:37 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the Roque family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I know he was deeply loved and respected by all and will live in your hearts forever. Peace to all of you while you navigate this difficult time. Hector and Mari Fernandez

Mari Fernandez - April 15 at 12:20 PM

TZ

“ The Zabelinski's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.

The Zabelinski's - April 15 at 11:04 AM

TZ

“ The Zabelinski's purchased the Ocean Breeze S pray for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



The Zabelinski's - April 15 at 11:04 AM

AF

“ Aponte Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.

Aponte Family - April 15 at 10:50 AM

AF

“ Aponte Family purchased the Emerald Garden B asket for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



Aponte Family - April 15 at 10:50 AM

LN

“ Lori and Travis Nau purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



Lori and Travis Nau - April 14 at 11:02 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



April 14 at 10:24 PM

AB

“ Amy Bock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.

Amy Bock - April 14 at 09:16 PM

LH

“ Love, Alexis & Kazem Harfouche purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



Love, Alexis & Kazem Harfouche - April 14 at 04:40 PM

TH

“ Tom & Veronica Hargrove purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



Tom & Veronica Hargrove - April 14 at 02:45 PM

JM

“ We try to make sense of things like this, but it's impossible to make sense of something that just doesn't make sense to us. He was a humble, kind, respectful young man. I remember how impressed I was the first time I met him. He was in the kitchen as I walked into the dining area. I was expecting him to look up, say hello in a disinterested manner the way many young people do, and continue about his business. It wasn't like that. He approached me, shook my hand, and genuinely acknowledged my presence. I was surprised at how mature his behavior was. I immediately took a liking to him. You couldn't help but like him. He had that kind of a soul. Despite his young age, he will be missed.

Juan Mendez - April 14 at 01:38 PM

SC

“ Sue, Joe, Erik & Tiffany Castillo purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



Sue, Joe, Erik & Tiffany Castillo - April 13 at 10:15 PM

SC

“ Sue, Joe, Erik & Tiffany Castillo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.

Sue, Joe, Erik & Tiffany Castillo - April 13 at 10:15 PM

JL

“ Jasmine L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.

Jasmine L. - April 13 at 08:43 PM

CF

“ Clinton Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.



Clinton Family - April 13 at 08:06 PM

EM

“ I was a nurse of Matt's on 10 west. I have such fond memories taking care of him, as well as chatting with his dad and their visits to 10 west to see the staff when he had appointments. I am so sad to hear of this loss, praying for the Roque family

Erin Mungovan - April 13 at 07:47 PM


HR

“ *Haleigh Cogan RN purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.*



Haleigh Cogan RN - April 13 at 06:19 PM

DB

“ *I knew on the day he was born that he was very special. It was my honor to get to see him grow up and become a faithful youngman of God. He lived his life to the best of his ability. Matt your soul is free of all the worldly pains it has endured while here on earth. Please continue to watch over all your family and friends  love you always Auntie Neecee and the entire Barsich family.*

Denice Chobanov Barsich - April 13 at 05:46 PM

IS

“ *Irma S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.*

Irma S. - April 13 at 05:28 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Jon Roque.*



April 13 at 05:11 PM

MA

“ *Matt will forever be in my heart. I didn't know him very long, but from the very first time we met I knew he was a friend for life. I will always cherish the conversations and random funny memes he sent daily. Towards the end the daily memes became every few days, weekly even. I could tell something was wrong but he never let me know it. He always kept a positive attitude, always keeping faith. The only comfort in all of this is knowing he was ready and he put it in God's hands, he is no longer in pain. I know for a fact he is in heaven and we have gained another guardian angel. Thank you Matt for showing me that even when facing death, faith in God and love of friends and family defeats all fear and pain. Love you bro.*

Martin - April 13 at 05:02 PM