



## Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts

July 8, 1951 - June 24, 2025

Mattison Andrew Dilts, aged 73, lifelong resident of the Miller Beach section of Gary, Indiana, died on June 24, 2025, from complications related to lung and heart disease. A graduate of Wirt High School's class of 1969 and Indiana University Bloomington, where he obtained his BA and MS degrees, Matt gave generously to his community throughout his life, beginning as a director of the Alternative House, an emergency shelter for teens that is part of the Crisis Center, where Matt was later a board member. Following in his father Mose Dilts' footsteps, Matt served as a financial advisor helping families, executives and businesses across Chicagoland build and maintain wealth. A longtime member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) and twice past president of the Northwest Indiana chapter, Matt sat on the board of Methodist Hospital where he championed improvements for the hospital's North campus in Gary, as well as Indiana University N.W., where he worked to develop opportunities for its business school students. He also sat on the boards of Lake Area United Way, Northwest Indiana Food Bank (a charter board member) and The ARC of NW Indiana, an organization which his son, Benjamin Dilts, later contributed to. He was preceded in death by his son Ben, and his parents, Mose and Pat Dilts. Matt is survived by his beloved wife, Geneie W. Dilts; daughter, Elizabeth Dilts Marshall; son in law, Wyatt Marshall, and grandchildren, Winona and Loewy Marshall. A visitation will be held at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN, on Monday, June 30, 2025,

from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral services will take place at Marquette Park United Methodist Church, 215 North Grand Blvd., Gary, IN, on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., with Pastor Leah Peksenak officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Marquette Park United Methodist Church. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **30**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUL **1**. 11:00 AM (cst)

Marquette Park United Methodist Church  
215 N. Grand Boulevard  
Gary, IN 46403

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ Matt was my cousin. I miss time spent with him and his family on Lake Michigan, and watching his fireworks on the 4th of July. Condolences to all his family.  
Alan McCampbell

Alan McCampbell - July 09, 2025 at 09:25 AM

MR

“ I always sincerely enjoyed having the honor of being one of Matt's many friends for the past 30+ years. He was a gentlemen who, even when he was dealing with his health problems always started a conversation with a hearty: "How are you?" He took the time to listen to others and was genuinely interested in their lives. His many accomplishments speak volumes about his energy and desire to help his community in so many wonderful ways. You are missed my friend.

Michael Riley - July 03, 2025 at 10:16 AM



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

July 01, 2025 at 08:58 PM

GO

“ Gail O'Neil lit a candle in memory of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts



Gail O'Neil - July 01, 2025 at 08:25 PM

JS

“ A true friend who will be dearly missed.



jo sharp - July 01, 2025 at 08:00 AM

ME

“ Martha E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.

Martha E. - July 01, 2025 at 07:41 AM

DC

“ Debbie C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.

Debbie C. - June 30, 2025 at 02:59 PM

DA

“ SO SAD TO HEAR OF YOUR PASSING. WE WILL MISS YOU AND YOUR SMILE. THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH US IN OUR FINANCIAL NEEDS. MAY GOD WELCOME YOU WITH OPEN ARMS!  
CHARLEY AND DARLA ALLEN

DARLA ALLEN - June 30, 2025 at 02:49 PM

TH

“ Tom & Patty Harpring purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.



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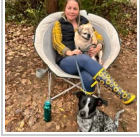
**Tom & Patty Harpring** - June 30, 2025 at 12:36 PM

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“ Tom & Patty Harpring planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.

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**Tom & Patty Harpring** - June 30, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ My was more than my dad’s best friend growing up he was like an uncle. He was the most positive human being I have ever bet. I believe he beat his cancer by his faith and sheer positive attitude. His laughter and story telling could keep a crowd amused. He also had the ability to make you feel like a million bucks no matter what bad hair day you had. My brother called him the Dr, because one time he came to visit us in Kentucky and Andrew was “sick” so Matt said he was a doctor and gave him a look over. Then when we went to stay at the Dr.’s house my brother went to the beach and ask “is this your pool?” Matt said yes and from then on Lake Michigan was the Dr.’s pool. I still think of it as that place. Matt and Genie’s 4th of July parties were my favorite memories growing up. The Dr. knew how to put on a magical display at his pool. Matt also was big reason that the church kept going and you could see his faith in god even through the toughest of times. The day Matt Dilts died I am sure a huge display of fireworks were in the sky as he entered the gates of heaven and he laughed his huge belly laugh and was able to hug Ben again. We all will miss you so much. Your joy, positivity, and ability to make a anything into a great story. You life lives on within us.

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**Mandi Grecula** - June 30, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ Matt would come and golf always wearing a big smile and pleasant greeting. Our thoughts and prayers for his family at this difficult time. The old Mink Lake Golf Course

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**Tammy Balke Sella** - June 30, 2025 at 12:14 PM

JS

“ I was heartbroken to hear this news. I have known Matt for many years, first meeting him through the IU Northwest business advisory board of which he was a member. He was always helpful and always a joy to speak with. It brightened my day whenever I ran into him throughout the years. The world has lost a kind soul. My condolences to his family and colleagues. I know he will be incredibly missed.

Jana Szostek - June 30, 2025 at 10:31 AM

WO

“ WPFPG Crown Point Office planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.

WPFPG Crown Point Office - June 30, 2025 at 09:10 AM

WO

“ WPFPG Crown Point Office purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.



WPFPG Crown Point Office - June 30, 2025 at 09:10 AM

CB

“ CARD BUDDIES purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.



CARD BUDDIES - June 29, 2025 at 08:34 PM

FM

“ Fernando M. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.

Fernando M. - June 29, 2025 at 07:03 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.



June 29, 2025 at 06:11 PM

BD

“ Bernadette Duda lit a candle in memory of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts



Bernadette Duda - June 29, 2025 at 11:28 AM

DS

“ My deepest condolences to The Jill's family. He was a congenial and true gentleman. Dean Sangalis.

dean sangalis - June 29, 2025 at 04:48 AM

NA

“ We had so many good times growing up at the beach. Watching you and your friends playing at your band in the basement was fun. Rest in peace cousin.

Nancy - June 28, 2025 at 10:10 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the Dilt's family on the loss of "Matt"!*

*Matt's dad Mose was one of my mentors and for many years I felt like a member of the Dilt's family. I was truly happy when Matt joined his father to ultimately take over the Dilt's Agency.*

*May Matt rest in peace and may the Dilt's family legacy and many worthy contributions and their community service always be remembered in the Miller and Northwest Indiana Region,*

Thomas Crump Jr. - June 28, 2025 at 07:19 PM

CP

*Matt was one of the first people I met when we moved to Gary. He was always gracious, with a wonderful sense of humor and lovely way of making you feel that he was glad to see you. Sincerest condolences to his family! Cliff & Mary Pellegrini.*

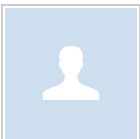
Cliff & Mary Stewart Pellegrini - June 28, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.*



June 28, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.*



June 28, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.

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June 28, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ I have known Matt most of my life. He was like my 4th brother. He and Geneie gave Joe and I the honor of being Elizabeth's god parents. He helped with 3 family funerals and even got a license so he could officiate when my son got married. In 2008 we went to Egypt. What an adventure.  
Maryetta Petras



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**Maryetta Petras** - June 28, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ Geneie and Family, Matt was a gift from God and we know you will miss him very much. On your difficult days rest assured that Matt will become one of your Guardian Angels and help provide you comfort and guidance from above. We treasure the friendship that we developed over the years and will always remember our trip with you to Hawaii. We'll say a prayer that God welcomed Matt with open arms.

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**Larry and Ann Ricke, New Albany, IN** - June 27, 2025 at 03:23 PM

RC

“ Matt was incredibly kind, always supportive, and the best in every sense of the word. My heart grieves for the community, the church, his family and friends, and for myself. Rest in peace, Matt, and rise in glory.



Rev. Teri Crouse - June 27, 2025 at 03:17 PM

AS

“ Andrew S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.

Andrew S. - June 27, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.



June 27, 2025 at 02:56 PM

TO

“ Tom&Sylvia purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.



Tom&Sylvia - June 27, 2025 at 02:40 PM

MM

“ *Husband, father, grandpa, Godly, activist, philanthropist, great boss, great friend, caring, loving, integrity, supportive, kind and so much more. Love and prayers to Geneie, Elizabeth and the entire Dilts family.*



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**Mary McKinney** - June 27, 2025 at 02:17 PM

MM

“ *3 files added to the album Memories*



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**Mary McKinney** - June 27, 2025 at 02:07 PM

RC

*FYI - T.Crouse added the 2016 pictures*

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**Rev. Teri Crouse** - June 27, 2025 at 03:26 PM



*Our sincere condolences to the Dilts family.*

*May "Matt" rest in peace and may the Dilts legacy and many contributions and many years of worthy community service, never be forgotten in the Miller, Gary and Northwst Indiana Region.*

*Matt's dad Mose was one of my mentors, so for many years I felt like my family and I were a part of the Dilt's family.*

*In 1968, Mose hired me to become the first African American Financial Services Agent, for The Equitable Life Assurance Company, in the State of Indiana.*

*I was very happy to see "Matt" make his career change and join his father Mose, and to ultimately become the Manager of the Dilt's Agency!*

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**Thomas Crump Jr.** - June 28, 2025 at 07:37 PM

NT

*Bud would be so jealouse go IU*

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**NANCY ANN THARP** - June 29, 2025 at 09:10 AM

MM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Mary McKinney** - June 27, 2025 at 01:55 PM

MT

“ I'm deeply saddened to hear about Matt's death. I've known Matt for over 25 years and have so many fond memories of our time together. I am honored to have been a business associate and friend. Genie and Chris please accept my condolences for your loss. A truly wonderful man - always positive and uplifting. We will miss him dearly.

*Mike Terry*

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**Mike Terry** - June 27, 2025 at 01:48 PM

AR

“ What a wonderful human being. The world has truly lost someone and something special. His smile and enthusiastic greeting will forever be in my memory. Genie, my love to you and the entire family. Memory Eternal.

*Annie Ramos*

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**Annie Ramos** - June 27, 2025 at 12:33 PM



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

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June 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mattison "Matt" A. Dilts.



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June 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM

AM

“ The world needs more "Matt Dilts".....

*AnnNita*

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**AnnNita McDonald** - June 26, 2025 at 10:41 PM

MR

“ Matt was possibly the very most loving, kind, generous person I have ever met. I cherish the many memories I have of Matt from when I was a child until now. The entire Dilts family has always been near and dear to my and my family's hearts. The world is a little less bright today without your always present smile and warm friendship

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**Meg Roman** - June 26, 2025 at 07:24 PM

GR

“ Dear Matt....Always a smile, Always a kind word, Always a hug,  
Always a friend.  
You will be missed so much.

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**Ginny Reed** - June 26, 2025 at 07:06 PM

JP

*It is a cool night for a White Sox game but we were determined to go. We were both under the weather and planned on drinking no beer. As we approach the toll both the person in front of us did not have exact change. He was throwing dollar bills into the collection funnel. Finally they opened the gate and we passed through with him. Of course we reached into the funnel and extracted his dollar bills. Since our tickets were complimentary, we spent no money. Only Matt Dilts could go to a Sox game and make money.*

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**Joseph petras** - June 27, 2025 at 03:13 PM

SC

*In the early days of the Crisis Center's Alternative House, Matt took over as director with Geneie as assistant. The house was an old 3-story at 667 Van Buren Street that had already gone through many changes. Walls were marked with cracks and even holes. Suddenly there was a visit by a state agency. Creative Matt simply put posters over the holes in the wall. I am sure he also charmed them all. He passed the inspection.*

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**Shirley Caylor** - June 28, 2025 at 12:42 PM

GK

*Matt was a kind and sweet person. He listened intently to who ever he talked to and finished the conversation with a smile. He always gave to others in word, action and the spirit of giving. The world is missing a very special soul today. Genie and family sorry for your loss.  
Kevin and Gloria Komosa*

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**gloria komosa** - June 28, 2025 at 03:08 PM