



## Matthew W. Crabtree

September 1, 1950 - December 6, 2021

Matthew Wayne Crabtree was born on September 1, 1950 in Bowling Green, Kentucky to J.T. and Priscilla Crabtree. He was the youngest of their four sons: Theodis, Paul, and Clarence Crabtree.

Matthew attended High Street School and Bowling Green High School in Bowling Green. After graduation, he attended Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee where he was a member of the football team. In 1971, Matthew joined the United States Navy and deployed to Rota, Spain. After an honorable discharge from the Navy, Matthew returned to Bowling Green and earned a degree in Business from Western Kentucky University.

Bowling Green was also where Matthew met his wife of 32 years, Lauryn. The two were married on the WKU campus and eventually settled in Nashville.

Matthew will always be remembered by his wife, Lauryn Crabtree; daughter, Kiela Crabtree; and brother, Clarence Crabtree. Matthew also leaves behind his sisters-in-law Elizabeth Crabtree, Nola Crabtree, Shirley Hucle, Martha Lyne, and Geraldine McGowan; nieces Tara Collins, Chastity Crabtree, Princess Crabtree; nephews Christopher Crabtree, Patrick Crabtree, and Rodney Crabtree, along with many great-nieces and great-nephews. He was blessed by a large and loving family, all of whom brought him a great deal of joy and pride. Matthew will also be dearly missed by his exuberant golden

doodle, Tannor.

Matthew was a devoted husband and a father bursting with pride. He was always generous with his stories and wisdom. Matthew was proud of his membership in Phi Beta Sigma. His kind and inquisitive nature was immediately noticeable and as a result he was quick to make new friends. His warm and caring presence leaves a gap that will be impossible to fill.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

# Cemetery Details

## Brock A. Beery Veterans Cemetery

1209 Fairview Avenue  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.  
201 Center Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
(270) 843-2336  
burnamson@mw.twcbc.com

## Graveside Services

DEC 10. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Brock A. Beery Veterans Cemetery  
1209 Fairview Avenue  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

# Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



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**Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.** - December 10, 2021 at 09:03 AM

MR

“ *Rest in Peace my Handsome Friend..*

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**Margaret Turner Russell** - December 17, 2021 at 11:12 PM

MP

“ *I send my heart felt condolences to the family of my kind and gentle-hearted cousin. His loving and infectious way was one that stayed with those that came in contact with him, even after they had departed his presence. And as he has departed us physically at this point, his wonderful caring spirit remains in our hearts and minds, as we remember how he blessed us with his kindness.*

*With loving memories,*

*Michael Peters*

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**Michael Peters** - December 15, 2021 at 05:37 PM

WB

“ *Many prayers and condolences to family. Matthew was awesome dear friend and hre will be fondly missed.*

Willa Blewett - December 11, 2021 at 10:32 AM

KB

“ *Kenetha Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



kenetha bryant - December 10, 2021 at 10:25 PM

KB

“ *Kenetha Bryant lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



kenetha bryant - December 10, 2021 at 10:24 PM

KB

“ *Kenetha Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



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**kenetha bryant** - December 10, 2021 at 10:23 PM

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“ *Kenetha Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



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**kenetha bryant** - December 10, 2021 at 10:23 PM

WF

“ *Our prayers are with the family.*



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**Whitney Family** - December 10, 2021 at 09:21 PM

LI

“ *LIVELY-CLARK lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



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**LIVELY-CLARK** - December 10, 2021 at 04:45 PM

DB

“ *Deborah Waade Bufford lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



Deborah Waade Bufford - December 10, 2021 at 11:57 AM



“ *William Walker lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



William Walker - December 10, 2021 at 11:49 AM

GH

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family of my beloved cousin, Matthew. My heart goes out to you all and my prayers are with you during this time of grief at his loss. God will sustain you and His arms will hold you. Matthew was such a gentle and loving man. He will be greatly missed.*

*Love you always, Gwen*

Gwen Hartdige - December 10, 2021 at 05:38 AM

JF

“ *Jackie Ray & Family lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



Jackie Ray & Family - December 10, 2021 at 04:21 AM

TY

“ *Tyra lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



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**Tyra** - December 09, 2021 at 08:44 PM

BF

“ *Bobby Franklin lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



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**Bobby Franklin** - December 09, 2021 at 07:45 PM

SE

“ *Matthew will always be remembered as a kind, caring, and loving family man. He will be missed by all who knew him. Peace and blessings to Lauryn, Kiela, and the Crabtree family!*

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**Saudi & DJ Ellis** - December 09, 2021 at 01:27 PM

SE

“ *Saudi & DJ Ellis purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Matthew W. Crabtree.*



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**Saudi & DJ Ellis** - December 09, 2021 at 01:23 PM

EH

“ *Estella Hill lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



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**Estella Hill** - December 09, 2021 at 11:03 AM

FC

“ *Florence W Claypool lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



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**Florence W Claypool** - December 09, 2021 at 08:44 AM

BY

“ *Buel Young lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



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**Buel Young** - December 09, 2021 at 03:02 AM

SW

“ *Sheteka Winston lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



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**Sheteka Winston** - December 08, 2021 at 09:48 PM

RM

“ Praying for your family. Soooo sorry for your loss



Ruth Morrow - December 08, 2021 at 10:39 AM

RC

“ Regina Caulfield lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree



Regina Caulfield - December 07, 2021 at 10:56 PM

ME

“ Mary Eason lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree



Mary Eason - December 07, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew W. Crabtree.



December 07, 2021 at 09:17 PM

ES

“ *Rest In Peace my friend! We'll watch over Lauryn and Kiela!* 💙💗💗

**Eileen Steeples** - December 07, 2021 at 08:33 PM

SH

“ *Sharon Haynie-Cosby lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



**Sharon Haynie-Cosby** - December 07, 2021 at 06:35 PM

BA

“ *Barbee's lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



**Barbee's** - December 07, 2021 at 05:58 PM

WA

“ *Wilma Anthony lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



**Wilma Anthony** - December 07, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ *Berona Massey lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



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**Berona Massey** - December 07, 2021 at 01:18 PM

WB

“ *Wathetta Buford lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



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**Wathetta Buford** - December 07, 2021 at 12:18 PM

SJ

“ *Stella Jewell*



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**stella Jewell** - December 07, 2021 at 12:01 PM

DM

“ *Dellanita Fuqua, Eileen Steeples & Judy Maloney purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Matthew W. Crabtree.*



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**Dellanita Fuqua, Eileen Steeples & Judy Maloney** - December 07, 2021 at 11:54 AM

KC

“ *Kenny & Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



Kenny & Crisandra Coleman - December 07, 2021 at 10:10 AM

CS

“ *Carolyn Sydnor sent a virtual gift in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



Carolyn Sydnor - December 07, 2021 at 09:39 AM

CS

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Carolyn Sydnor - December 07, 2021 at 09:39 AM

MC

“ *Mary Cole sent a virtual gift in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



Mary Cole - December 07, 2021 at 05:34 AM

MC

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**Mary Cole** - December 07, 2021 at 05:34 AM

MC

“ *Mary Cole lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



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**Mary Cole** - December 07, 2021 at 05:33 AM

MC

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Matthew's passing. The Crabtree family has my deepest sympathy. May the Lord wrap his arms around you and give you comfort during this difficult time. My prayers are with you.*



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**Mary Cole** - December 07, 2021 at 05:33 AM

WA

“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree*



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**Wanda Anthony** - December 06, 2021 at 09:21 PM

ES

“ Edwin & Jakki Snowden lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree



Edwin & Jakki Snowden - December 06, 2021 at 08:32 PM

AC

“ Amy Coleman lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree



Amy Coleman - December 06, 2021 at 07:23 PM

LW

“ Loretha Withrow sent a virtual gift in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree



Loretha Withrow - December 06, 2021 at 06:25 PM

DJ

“ Debra Jewell sent a virtual gift in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree



Debra Jewell - December 06, 2021 at 05:54 PM

DJ

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**Debra Jewell** - December 06, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ Marian Benton lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree



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**Marian Benton** - December 06, 2021 at 02:50 PM

GR

“ Gail Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree



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**Gail Rasmussen** - December 06, 2021 at 02:43 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Crabtree



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**cheryl hewitt** - December 06, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ Dear Crabtree Family,

*There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.*



*Respectfully,*

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly  
2nd Generation Owners*

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**Cedric Burnam** - December 06, 2021 at 12:23 PM