



## Matthew Jay Zehr Sr.

February 3, 1964 - January 20, 2022

Matthew Jay Zehr, Sr., 57, passed away January 20, 2022. He was born February 3, 1964 in Lowville, New York to the late Gerald Milford Zehr, Sr. and Angeline Lajune (Knechtel) Zehr.

Matthew came to Sarasota in 2002 from Lowville, New York. He was of the Mennonite faith and attended Bayshore Church. In the past, he had worked in a paper mill, drove truck and sold Interstate Batteries. He enjoyed fishing, boating and motorcycles. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his grandchildren. He loved to laugh and was always there to make you smile.

Left to cherish his memory are his son, Matthew Zehr, Jr. and his wife Karline; daughter, Elizabeth Zehr and her husband Santiago Hernandez; grandchildren, Lael, Josiah, Naomi, Vivian, Alexandra and George Henry; siblings, Sharlene Cole and her partner Calvin, Karen Hoch and her husband James, Lorraine Strough and her husband Allen, Gerald Zehr, Jr. and his wife Kelly, Martha Haskins and her husband David, Timothy Zehr and his wife Lori and Chester Zehr and his wife Gloria.

In addition to his parents, Matthew was predeceased by his brother Faron.

There will be a visitation on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Bethel Mennonite Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Bayshore Church. Memories and condolences may be left online at [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **26**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Mennonite Church  
2985 Bethel Lane  
Sarasota, FL 34240

## Funeral Service

JAN **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I just heard of Matt's death and am saddened. I knew Matt back in the late 90s when he would come into Wakefield's General Store in Beaver Falls, NY and hang out, bringing laughter with him every time. Even after I no longer worked locally, whenever I would see Matt he had a hug for me. He was a great man with so much joy and love.

~ Taraden

Taraden - March 01, 2022 at 10:35 AM

PO

“ Liz and Matt Jr, I am so sorry for your loss. He was so proud of you both and loved his grand babies so much. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. We will miss Matt's wit and humor, and cherish every memory we had with him. I pray that Gods bless him with endless days of amazing bass fishing every day of his eternity. He is gone too soon but will live on in our hearts.



Porsche - January 24, 2022 at 03:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew Jay Zehr Sr..



January 23, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Jay Zehr Sr..



January 23, 2022 at 12:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Jay Zehr Sr..*



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January 23, 2022 at 05:28 AM

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“ *Every time we would arrive in Florida for a visit Matt and mom were all smiles. Ensuring their visitors experienced laughter, joking around, family gatherings with great meals, and trips around the area including attending Sunday church and hitting the Oyster Bar. I will cherish these memories. I praise God for the times we have had together growing up in a houseful of 11 on a farm. I love and miss you Matt.*

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**lori strough** - January 23, 2022 at 01:19 AM

BY

*Matthew I guess I don't know where to start I guess the time you took me in your little red S-10 doing donuts in the field laughing and joking and picking on me as I was hanging on to the door and your seat as we were flinging mud I will never forget that Fly high I love you and miss you till we meet again ❤️❤️😭*

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**bryan yousey** - January 23, 2022 at 01:31 AM