



## Matthew John Flower

May 3, 1983 - December 24, 2004

Matthew John Flower, 21, Topeka, passed on December 24, 2004 at his home in Ozawkie.

He was born May 3, 1983, at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City, KS, the son of Earl and Sandra Folds Flower.

He attended Assumption Grade School, graduated from Hayden High School and graduated from Highland Community College in 2003. He was currently attending Washburn University earning a communications and mass media degree.

As a student at Assumption, Matthew was greatly influenced by his mentors, Sr. Corita and Sr. Marjorie, and his many teachers. He was involved in many sports, but most loved being on the Tornadoes baseball team with all of his friends. Matthew was an altar boy at his home parish of St. Joseph and at the Assumption.

At Hayden High School, he was involved in many things. He loved football, wrestling and baseball. He was a member of the forensics team and participated in the school plays and musicals.

While attending Highland, Matty Boy was in numerous theatrical productions

and was voted Homecoming King. Also while at Highland, Matthew met the love of his life, Rachell, with whom he planned to spend his life.

Matty loved being involved with his uncles and cousins and the Flower Brothers Racing Team. He was employed at Pearson in Lawrence and Napa North.

Matty lived life to the fullest and loved life with every breath he took. Matthew's love was just as he was, very large and expansive. Everyone who knew Matthew couldn't help but love him. He always put a smile on their face.

Matthew is survived by his parents, Earl and Sandra, Ozawkie; his twin brother, Mitchell, who attends Benedictine College in Atchison; his grandfather, John Folds; his grandmother, Jackie Flower; and his great-grandmother, Margaret Henderson, all of Topeka. He is survived also by his girlfriend, Rachell Huber, Sabetha; and his kitty, Fat Cat. Matthew was preceded in death by a sister, Jennifer; his grandmother, Anna Folds; grandfather, Robert Flower; and his great-aunt Marie Burghart.

Matthew will lie in state and family will greet friends from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, where a rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Church. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Family suggests contributions to the Matthew Flower Memorial Fund at Silver Lake Bank.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew John Flower*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I wanted to send my condolences to Matts family and friends who loved him. He will be missed greatly and always remembered in our hearts.*

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**Kristin Smith** - December 31, 2004 at 01:21 PM



“ *EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO HALLOWEEN, TWO IDENTICAL DONALD DUCKS APPEARED IN OUR OFFICE AND STOLE OUR HEARTS. A MEMORY, TO THIS DAY THAT STILL BRINGS A SMILE. SANDY, EARL, MITCHELL, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS BUT I CHERISH THE MEMORIES. MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU. JEAN PHEASANT-PARTAIN.*

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**JEAN PHEASANT** - December 30, 2004 at 04:36 PM



“ *Although we have not been in touch with your family as much as we should, when we had the fortunate occasion to bump into Matthew he always had a contagious smile and a friendly "hello" to pass along. He will be greatly missed.*

*You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless.  
Jamie, Miles, and Chase White.*

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**Jamie, Miles and Chase White** - December 30, 2004 at 12:27 PM

BO

“ *Mitch and Family, May our Lord grant you consolation and peace during this time of sorrow.*

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**Br. Jeremias Heppler, OSB** - December 30, 2004 at 11:44 AM

FM

“ *Sandy, Earl and Mitch, We really never got to know him but from the notes you have here, he must have been an awesome guy. I know Rachell will miss him deeply. We are so sorry for your loss. I can't imagine the pain. Our prayers are with you.*

*To Rachell, We love you very much and my heart breaks for your pain. If you ever need anything you know we are here for you always.*

*Uncle Fred and Aunt Gayle*

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**Fred and Gayle Maschewski** - December 29, 2004 at 08:22 PM

CM

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Matt's passing. It has been a while since we have seen the boys, but we do remember them as being full of life and laughter. Matt will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with you all. From Tim, Cindy, Alyssa and Brady McCormick*

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**Cindy McCormick** - December 29, 2004 at 05:47 PM

SL

“ *Earl, Sandra, and Mitch I'm sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed the times I spent with him and your family. Matt always knew how to make me smile and was always a joy to be around. He will be greatly missed. You're all in my prayers.*

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**Stephanie Losson** - December 29, 2004 at 05:25 PM

PH

“ *Sandy Earl and Mitchell*

*It is so sad to read where Matthew was taken from your family and this life to join his family in another place There is no greater pain then to lose a child. His body may be gone but the spirit of his memory will never be taken from you. Remembering you in thoughts and prayers may Gods love assist you at this time*  
*Patricia Hanrahan*

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**Patricia Hanrahan** - December 29, 2004 at 04:46 PM

CR

“ *Dear Earl, Sandy and Mitchell, my heart just breaks for you as does that of the whole Warner family. We cannot begin to express how sorry we are for your great loss. Please know we love you and are praying for you as you are on our hearts and minds constantly right now. We love you, the Warner Family*

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**Carol Riddle** - December 29, 2004 at 02:33 PM

RF

“ *I am deeply saddened by the news of Matt's passing. Please know that all of his friends at Washburn are thinking of you at this time. I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to know him, laugh with him, and learn with him. He was an intelligent, funny, down to earth man who never grew tired of befriending others. He will laugh on in our memories forever. God Bless.*

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**Rebecca Green Family** - December 29, 2004 at 12:26 PM



“ *Matthew John Flower*

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December 28, 2004 at 11:28 PM

AH

“ *The Flower family is in my prayers. I had World History with him at Hayden, and all I remember from the class is the laughter he created by his wonderful sense of humor. He will be missed.*

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**Annie Hund** - December 28, 2004 at 10:05 PM

AN

“ *To Mitch and the flower family, my condolences go out to you. Matt was a great friend and someone who was full of life. He had the ability to bring humor into every situation. He will be missed, my thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Andy Nimz and family.*

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**Andy Nimz** - December 28, 2004 at 09:10 PM

NP

“ *To Mitch and the Flower Family. I am so sorry to hear of your great loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Ned Price** - December 28, 2004 at 08:11 PM

DB

“ *Dear Sandy and family,*

*Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Hold tight to your faith in God, its the only thing that will help you get throught this difficult time.*

*Your friend Dolly and Family*

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**Dolly Brown** - December 28, 2004 at 08:03 PM

AK

“ Since meeting Matt at HCC we have become very good friends. He was the type of guy who looked scary, because of his size, but in reality he was the biggest teddy bear you would ever meet. Matt's memory will live on because of the great memories that he left with everyone. My thoughts are with all of you. I will miss him greatly too.

Adrienne Kell - December 28, 2004 at 04:43 PM

DL

“ We are so very sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. The Lechner Family, Dan, Marcy, Andrew and Abby

Dan & Marcy Lechner - December 28, 2004 at 03:54 PM

JP

“ My condolences to the Flower family. Matt was a most exuberant person and will be missed dearly.

Jason Peters - December 28, 2004 at 03:24 PM

AR

“ I attended attended school with Matt at Highland and just wanted to say I feel blessed to have known your son and brother. He was a wonderful person. My thoughts are with you.

Amy Ryan - December 28, 2004 at 02:21 PM

BF

“ We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob Clearwater and Family - December 28, 2004 at 01:32 PM

FW

“ Sandy,Earl and Family- I am truly sorry for your loss. I know he was a wonderful son.

Frank Worrall - December 28, 2004 at 01:14 PM

HA

“ I am sorry to hear about Matt, he will be missed very much by all that knew him. I will miss his bubbly attitude about life. When he would bring parts from NAPA North, he would always stop to say HI and make sure that I was having a good day and if I wasn't he wouldn't leave me until I smiled. I will really miss seeing him! My hear goes out to the family and Rachell I know that he loved her a lot.

Heather Anthony - December 28, 2004 at 12:47 PM

C'

“ Mitch:  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Curt Sudbeck: BC '04 - December 28, 2004 at 12:38 PM

MS

“ Matt was an Incredible person. He knew how to light up the room. I fell lucky to have met him, even though it was a short time. Third shift at Pearson will never be the same. Matt will be deeply missed. Sandy, Earl, Mitchell,and Rachell- My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Michael Schnebly - December 28, 2004 at 12:26 PM

MD

“ My condolences to the Flower family. Mere words cannot express how deeply saddened I am to hear of Matt's passing. I worked with Matt and never once could I talk with him and not smile. He will be missed more than I can say, and my prayers are with your family.

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**Monica Davis-Falls** - December 28, 2004 at 12:23 PM

JF

“ Earl, Sandy, and Mitchell--you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are sorry to hear of your loss. John, Diana, and Ranier.

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**John Annett Family** - December 28, 2004 at 11:58 AM

AB

“ Earl, Sandy, and Mitchell-  
I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. My greatest memories of Matt were so many summers when DJ played with Matt on the Tornadoes. Take comfort in the fact that he is watching over you and protecting you now. Your family will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Annie Beckley-Tobyne** - December 28, 2004 at 11:57 AM

MO

“ What a guy - - Matt will truly be missed by all. He had touched all of our hearts, as he came into our lives not too long ago and meant so much, as he was one of a kind ! Sandy, Earl, Mitch and Rachell - - you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Mike, Christine and Mara Oleson** - December 28, 2004 at 11:40 AM

SH

“ Earl and family I am so sorry to hear about your son. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Sherry Hertlein** - December 28, 2004 at 09:41 AM

EH

“ How could anyone not love Matt? He always did the best Cartman from South Park. But right now, my heart is breaking. Matt was so amazing and wonderful. Whenever he was around it was all laughs all the time.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Elizabeth Heere** - December 28, 2004 at 09:25 AM

TF

“ Sandy, Earl, and Mitchell,  
I cannot begin to express enough sorrow to ease the grief and pain of your loss. Matt was more than a super young man. He was special, and loved by all that met and knew him. Some of the best memories of my life come from the days with Matt and everyone from the Tornados baseball, and Assumption School years. You and yours will be in our thoughts and prayers, while our memories of Matt will remain until that day when we all see him again.

Your Friends in Christ Forever  
Ron Raines, and Family.

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**The Raines Family** - December 28, 2004 at 09:11 AM

TF

“ Sandy, Earl, and Mitchell- You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Doug, Mimi, Matt, Andy, Tanner and Laurel Gardner

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**The Gardner Family** - December 27, 2004 at 09:13 PM

MG

“ I am sorry to hear about Matt, he will be missed deeply.

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**Monte Gonzalez** - December 27, 2004 at 04:05 PM