



Matthew R. Rau

January 27, 1969 - August 17, 2020

PALMYRA – Matthew R. Rau, age 51 of Palmyra, passed away August 17, 2020, at his home.

He was born January 27, 1969, in Adrian the only son of Robert and Charlotte (Hall) Rau.

Matthew graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1988 and earned an associate degree from Washtenaw Community College. He worked in the automotive industry for Ford Motor Company, Toyota and Hyundai Motor Company. Later he worked for various auto supply stores most recently, Auto Zone. Matthew loved all types of car racing. He was a member of the American Legion Post #34 in Tecumseh where he was involved in the pool league. In his younger years, he was active in 4-H with Palmyra Future Leaders and FFA.

He is survived by his father, Robert (Maryann Zink) Rau of Tecumseh and his sister Bobbie Jo (Floyd) Putman of North Wales, PA, aunts and uncles Kay Fisher, Peter (Pam) Rau, Gerald (Betty) Hall, Thomas Hall and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother.

Graveside services will take place at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 30, 2020, at Palmyra Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to American Legion Post #34.
Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home where online
condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Palmyra Cemetery

East US 223
Palmyra, MI 49268

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew R. Rau*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I worked with Matt at Toyota in Ann Arbor. I loved to hear about his stories farming with his dad and Uncle Pete. Each and every day he made us all laugh and certainly brightened our days in some form or another. Prayers sent to the family.*

Jim Brink - September 08, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ *Bobbi Jo and family, Our sincere sympathy over the loss of your brother. Know your family is in our prayers - Sincerely The Pellowe's (Nancy)*

Nancy Pellowe - August 31, 2020 at 05:33 AM



“ *We've known Matt for a number of years now, always a pleasure to see him in the parts store, or driving past our house to visit his father.
All around good & considerate chap.*

Alasdair F Young - August 28, 2020 at 07:37 PM

RF

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Matt's passing. He was one of my fifth grade students at Michener Elementary, and I remember him as being very polite and hard working. My thoughts are with the family.

Randy Fielder

Randy Fielder - August 28, 2020 at 05:57 PM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mark and Jan Wegner

Jan Wegner - August 28, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Rau.



August 27, 2020 at 09:15 PM

JL

“ I work w/ him @ meijer he is a nice guy n hard worker u will b missed mat...□

Josephine Lorenzo - August 26, 2020 at 09:39 AM

HP

“ Dear Matthew,
On behalf of the Won Institute we would like to offer our prayer for your journey of departure. May you rest in peace.
Palms together, Bokin and Hojin

Hojin Park - August 26, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ I knew Matt in high school. Such a nice guy. Always a smile and a kind word. Godspeed Matt 😭

Kurt Hunt - August 25, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew R. Rau.



August 25, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ Matt has been in my life since the day I was born. He was my father's best friend in high and became my god father. He gave me my first John Deere tractor when I was a kid and he gave my oldest daughter his first John Deere tractor after she was born. He will be deeply missed by me and my family. There are no words to describe how much the man meant to me.

Chelsea Simpson - August 25, 2020 at 03:26 PM



“ May you rest in peace Matt, I grew up with your Father and Aunt Kay and Uncle Pete. Wonderful people. They will miss you. Be at peace with your Mom. Prayers to the family.

CAROLYN WARD - August 25, 2020 at 10:30 AM

BD

“ I have known Matt since we were kids and we would play together when he would visit his grandparents on Cherry St. in Blissfield. They were our neighbors and Matt was a very kind person and was always willing to help others. You will be missed but you are with your mom and your diabetes is gone now. Rest in Peace Matt.

Bonnie Duke - August 25, 2020 at 10:02 AM

JF

“ Oh god where to start Matt was one of a kind always willing to help out in anyway get could , I played pool with both him and his dad when we shot out of the tecumseh eagles for years the funniest memory was one year at the banquet we always had cook your own steaks my had sub for us so much that we kick in and paid for his ticket to eat thing was they both had to sit at the other end of table cause them two eat their steaks the same way lol still moving, Matt could always figure out an automotive problem and if he couldn't get would find someone who could. I know in my heart there are some dang good pool games going on up their say hi to Larry Tom Kelly and Candy for me miss you so much fly high Matt till we meet again love as a brother

Jerry fisher - August 24, 2020 at 07:12 PM

JS

“ Mat lived in the neighbor hood was a good friend always had a smile and a good word to say .we all miss you.

John sharp - August 24, 2020 at 03:39 PM

CF

“ How can we only share one memory about Matthew? Because if you really knew him you made many memories, we have been friends for almost 25 years meeting when we worked at Meijer together. Goodness we were just kids back then starting out our lives growing into adulthood even though Matt was only about 5 years older than the group of us he always had the wise words of wisdom. But little did he know us kids looked out for him and his health and always tried to make sure he was eating right and checking his sugar and doing what he was supposed to. We all became a family soon there after to doing dinners at the house to hanging out on the weekends to late night putting the largest entertainment center together in his apartment because of course he had to get the most complicated one in the store. He was the car guy that could make changing a headlight bulb into taking off the panel off the side of the car and removing the battery and finding something wrong with your engine, but yet he was the first one you called when you had a problem. I'm going to skip ahead because I could type forever sharing things but I'm going to fast forward to 6 years ago when I had nowhere to go and with one phone call to Matt I had a roof over my head and a warm bed to sleep in. I moved into the house for a while to get back on my feet and re-start my life if it was not for the Wednesday night free popcorn at the movie theater and the late summer fairs to keep me busy and my kind of thing I probably would have been lost without him. And him being a uncle to all my kids and him being there for birthday party graduation parties and always checking on them whenever we talked meant the world to me. I'm going to cherish all the memories we had together. I'm glad I got a chance to spend time with him a few weeks ago he stopped out to the house and helped us out and then we just sat and talked for hours after. Matthew will be missed by many but more so from my family we lost a brother a uncle and a friend. Fly high my friend and send my love to momma Char ❤️

Cristina Fisher - August 23, 2020 at 10:23 PM

LC

Matt I knew you since elementary and we have always been friends .We shared so many memories. Like hide and seek at your house, driving around in Alice, hanging out at your house, you and Chuck landscaping my house and so much more. You always had such a big heart. I know you fought so hard with your diabetes. Well no more fighting you are healed and God granted you as a special angel. I will always love you my friend

Lisa Glisson Cluckey - August 24, 2020 at 03:23 PM

HB

Matt was one of my students in Orchestra at Drager Middle School, as was his sister Bobby Jo. He was always there and very respectful, a good student, quiet and liked by all in the class. Gone too soon but suffering no more.

Helene D. Bleecker - August 31, 2020 at 01:27 PM

WR

“ If we shared all the memories, it would be a novel. He grew up in the neighborhood and enjoyed many activities with neighborhood kids. As an adult he never failed to chat with you whenever he saw us , nor never failed to wave as he drove by our place. Matt dealt with his diabetes all his life. Matt, you will be missed. Rest Heaven.

Wayne & Karen Roback - August 23, 2020 at 02:34 PM