



Matthew S. McNealy

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Pastor Matthew S. McNealy, 53, went to be with the Lord on March 2, 2026. He was preceded in death by his parents Bob and Pauline, and his brother, Brian. He is survived by his wife Stephanie; children: Colleen (Devin), Ben (Darcie), Mattie, Shamus, Adeline, and Finnegan.

Also survived by his brother, Chris.

November 19, 1972, marked the birth of our beloved husband, father, pastor and friend. For 35 years, Matt served our Lord in many capacities with a dedicated, pure, and true servant's heart. Since January 2021, Matt has pastored Argenta Baptist Church and has had a profound impact on the surrounding community.

His heartfelt ministry has spread love and continues to shine the Light of Jesus, fulfilling his calling.

As Matthew 5:16 reads, "In the same way, let your light shine before the people (carry the light)."

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Argenta Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on Friday, March 6, 2026, at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 4:00pm following visitation.

Condolences and memories may be shared online at <https://www.gracelandfairlawn.com>. Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.




Events

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Visitation


 **Friday**, March 6, 2026


 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT


 **Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



Celebration of Life

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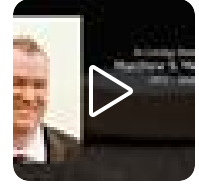
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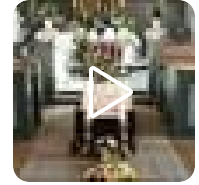
Graceland Fairlawn shared a **Video**.

March 5 at 12:41 PM



Graceland Fairlawn shared a **Webcast Video**.

March 4 at 4:48 PM



Peyton lit a candle in honor of Matthew.

Matt brought so much energy to any band concert or scholastic bowl match he was at. He will truly be missed. I enjoyed getting to know him during scholastic bowl. I am praying for your family.

March 5 at 11:03 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McNealy family.

March 5 at 12:42 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Matthew.

March 5 at 12:42 PM



Paul Rieken posted:

Matt brought a positive energy to any situation ... and that is just so hard to find anymore. He walked into a room, and you just knew you were about to smile or even belly laugh. Good guy, truly cared about your situation and remembered what you talked about the day, week, or month before. You will be missed in this world, Matthew. Anyone who met you knows you're in a better place. Take care, brother man.-Paul

March 5 at 9:57 AM



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Brian, Ann, Jason, And Amy Cox sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the McNealy family.



March 4 at 9:06 PM



Mary Fisher posted:

I don't think I can pin down one memory that stands out more than another, but I will always remember his smile. He was always smiling and laughing. No matter the situation, he always was positive and pointed to Jesus. He truly loved the Lord above all else. Second to that was his love for Stephanie and his children. He was and continues to be, an example of showing Jesus' love to others. We will miss him greatly and can't wait to join him at the throne of our Lord and Savior. Missing him but knowing he is finally Home, where he would always want to be. If you want to see him again, get in touch with his Jesus.--Mary and Len

March 4 at 5:57 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the McNealy family.



March 4 at 5:22 PM



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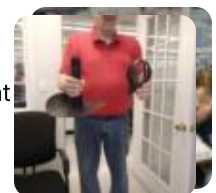


March 4 at 5:22 PM



James Phillips shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Matt.Was an employee of mine and most of all my friend.Matt was a true shining light at work, his happiness and friendship is something I will always have memories of.Matt always would say you know what we need?MORE COWBELL!! cannot thank the Lord enough for sending Matt my way, a fantastic employee,person and friend.My heart breaks for Stephanie and the family, they are all good folks with a passion for lifting people up.God Bless all of you through this unexpected difficult time.Know that he touched so many people.



March 3 at 4:10 PM



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F

Fen Mcnealy posted:

The last time I saw my Dad he was visiting me in the hospital. He had a long day and instead of going home and resting he drove 45 minutes so he could see and talk to me for an hour. I feel like that just sums up the kind of person he was. No matter the circumstances he went out of his way to make sure those he cared for were happy and knew they were loved. I miss my dad, and nothing is ever going to fill the dad shaped hole in his heart, but knowing that people remember him as a loving goofball sure helps ❤️❤️❤️

March 4 at 2:52 PM

CR

Christen, Troy, Sky, And Archer Reger sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McNealy family.

March 4 at 1:42 PM

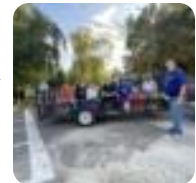


JC

Jeanette Cavenaile shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Matt you always kept us smiling and hearts full of love! You brought the community of Argenta together and changed the course of any youth life you were able to share Jesus with. You will forever be missed

March 4 at 1:12 PM



CT

Clinton Otters Swim Team sent an Enchanted Cottage to the McNealy family.

March 4 at 12:26 PM



BH

Browns And Hublers sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the McNealy family.

March 4 at 11:37 AM





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Nicole Pellegrini posted:

I've known Matt since we were kids going to church together. Lots of memories with him and Carl. So sad to hear he passed so so young. Will keep his family in my thoughts and prayers.

March 4 at 9:11 AM



Pam, Tom, Jenny, Cindy, & Beth Copeland sent a Rose Romanesque Bouquet to the McNealy family.



March 3 at 9:59 PM



Carl Beck posted:

Yesterday my and many others world was changed forever! Unexpectedly I lost my best friend who was more like a brother, but definitely a brother by the blood of Jesus! Matthew McNealy was a anchor in my faith journey. He gave me my first Christian Music cassette. We grew in Christ together! He was a pastor, husband, father, brother, and true friend. His passing was so unexpected a reminder that tomorrow is never promised! If his life points to anything it is believe, confess, repent, and be saved by Jesus today, because tomorrow may be your eternity! My life will never be the same! More importantly his families will not either! Join me in praying for His family and in his honor the lost! So together we may enjoy eternity with the Godhead! He now knows the answers to all the questions and if he could let us all know he would!! I will see you again my greatest brother in Christ!

March 3 at 5:27 PM



Rachel Beckett shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Matthew McNealy was my friend and pastor in New Douglas, IL. He had a heart of gold, and I loved him and his family. I treasure the time we had. He will be dearly missed by all. I am praying every day for Stephanie and the kids.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Matthew by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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