



## Matthew W. Sheppard, Jr. Obituary

October 31, 2005 - December 29, 2005

Matthew Wylie Sheppard, Jr, 2 month old son of Matt Sheppard and Shilene Toler, Thursday Decemeber 29, 2005. The funeral service will be held 11 AM Saturday, December 31, 2005 at Leesburg Cemetery. Rev. Eugene Barlow will officiate. Other survivors include a sister, Chasity McCary; grandparents, Wylie and Delle Sheppard, Terry and Nancy Toler all of Leesburg; three aunts; two uncles and several cousins. The family will receive friends Friday 6 to 8 Pm at Kimibrell-Stern.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *Matt,  
I can remember you as a child, you were so precious in church. You would be on your mothers shoulder and your eyes so wide taking in all the people. Matt, God is with you now more than ever. Move toward seeing your child again in heaven. Draw closer to God as he draws closer to you during this time of loss.*

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**Joey & Patricia CAannon** - January 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Matt & Shi,  
I am so very sorry for your loss...please know you are in our thoughts and prayers...MDK*

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**Marti** - January 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Dear Matt (and family),

*I was saddened to learn that "little Matthew" had passed away. I will keep your family in my prayers; specifically that our Lord and Savior will just surround your and your precious family with a spirit of love, peace, and comfort that only He can do. I look forward to meeting Matthew, Jr. on that glorious day that the Lord chooses to call me home to live eternally with Him in Heaven!*

*In His Love,  
Terri Hinson*

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**Terri Hinson** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Little Man it has been 2 weeks now of heart reching pain. I try to look at everything in a good way but I just dont understand. You where only 1 month and 29 days olds you where too young to go. I miss you sooo very much and I love you! I know one day I will be with you again and I can hold you and cuddle with you. I miss Mommy time and it hurts. I still hear you in the house when it is near time to eat or diper time. I would do anything to have you back Little Man but I know you are at peace now and you will watch over Daddy, Chas, me and the rest of our family. I love you more than words could say. I will await the day we reunited. I love you son.  
Love Always Mommy

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**Mommy** - January 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ It is still hard to believe little Matt is gone. I have tried to understand why he left so soon from me and Shi. I was looking for to watching you grow and spending all the time I could with you. You were the best blessing I could of asked for. The weekend I found out Shi was pregeant I asked God why me? why now? I was terrified when i found out you were coming into this world. But in the delivery room after 9 faults trips to the hospital you decided to come on halloween. I watched you come in to the world. The excitment and joy I felt was unexplainable. My cell battery died I called so many people to tell them you was born. Sure i couldnt change your diapers for the smell but mommy got me a daddy duty kit so i could change you. goggles and mask and I was ready to use it. But on Dec 29th I touched you on your back at 4:30 am and you were breathing. And at 7:30am you were gone. I have never felt so empty in my heart. It brings a smile to my face to know that the last contact you felt was daddy's hand rubbbing your back watching you sleep. It is hard here without you having to come visit you and not bring you home. I know Andy, Harris, and Mr. Ray willl take care of you. You left to soon. When I looked at you I saw a mini me and that was a thrill of a lifetime. I will always love and miss you. I may never really know why you were taken so soon until we reunite in heaven. You were my little buddy. You touched alot of people and drew friends closer than anyone ever could imagine. I wish I could just hold you one more time or just one poopy diaper. I will never forget you and keep me and mommy and our familys safe. I wish I could of taken your place but the lord wanted him a little angel upstairs. I love you more than words can express. your daddy Matt Sr

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**Matthew Sheppard Sr** - January 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I am writing because I felt that the Lord led me to say that I am sorry for your loss and I cannot imagine what you are going through. Please find comfort in knowing that you are in my thoughts and prayers. By the way, you do not have a clue as to who I am, but Mrs. Delle will know, I am Juanita Benson's daughter.  
GOD BLESS YOU!

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**Kim Dorminey Mills** - January 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

UC

“ Shi and Matt, you are both blessed with family and friends who, with God's help, will see you through this. Little Matt, we miss you and know that your beautiful spirit will shine down on us. We love you.

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**Uncle Tony and Aunt Kathy and cousins** - January 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ To our Mattweeine, Aunt Cat Cat, Uncle Josh and your cousins all miss you and love you so very much. You were a blessing in so many ways. Your birth and passing brought our family back together. Your short time here you brought joy to everyone. We will never forget you. May God keep you his knee's watching us all. When I get there I will smother you in kisses once again. I love you

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**Aunt Cat Cat, Uncle Josh and Family** - January 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ There are really no words I can put here. After nights of not sleeping, and many hours spent in the smelly halls of phoebe. On Oct 31th I watched "little man" (aka: Aunt Barb's poop-box) come into this world. I heard him take his first breath. And if there wasn't enough joy in that. I then watched this cubby baby impact and change the life of his parents. The times that he made them jump, laugh, cry, and even fall. Little Matt taught me that life is a blessing and you must take time to laugh and smile. You can never be too busy to stop and watch or to take a moment for a baby high five. And that you can never take for granted even the smallest gifts God gives you. I am forever grateful for every moment that I was given with my cubby poop-box. And know little man that I carry them with me always. You hold my words to your heart and I will hold your hand on mine and together we will get it done.

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**Aunt Barb** - January 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Shi & Matt, i love you both and i am truly sorry that this had to happen. i wish i could make it all go away and bring that beautiful baby back so i could have met him in person, but god knows when i go i will see "little man" and get the chance to be blessed with his presence. i am here for you both. keep your heads up, you can do this together. i love you guys.

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**Amanda Nicole Phillips** - January 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I remember watching Molly & Matt grow up in the church and it's so hard for me to imagine what ya'll are going through right now. I have you all in my prayers. I will bet you anything that Jesus is up there right now holding that sweet baby in His arms.

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**Jodi Eubanks** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Matt & Shilene,  
I babysat Matt & Molly when they were little and I heard of your loss through my mother who is good friends with Ms Delle. I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your sweet little baby boy. Nothing compares to the love of a sweet baby, and I know he loved his parents. Take heart that God is watching over your family and know that your little precious baby is rocking gently in HIS arms each day and night. God Bless you and keep you.  
Sherry

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**Sherry "grimsley" Barton** - January 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I am so sorry to hear about our son, your in my thoughts and prayers. Candy Chapman

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**Candy Chapman-OBGYN** - January 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

UP

“ When my time comes I'll find you Little Man. Until then I know you are looking out for all of us. I Love You.

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**Uncle Paul** - January 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I am a friend of Molly's. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. May God strengthen you at this time.

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**Melissa Miller Dunn** - January 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Shilene,  
I am praying for you and your family. I wish there was a way to take  
way the pain. Please know that if there is anything that I can do,  
please do not hesitate to call.*

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**Katie Coleman Dowdy** - January 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *We want you to know that we are so sorry for your loss. Our  
thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Lynn & Jeff Rosenfeld** - January 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM