



## Matthew Gerald Mickelson

June 14, 1997 - November 26, 2019

Matthew Gerald Mickelson was born on the day the flags were out (June 14, 1997). For most of his life he would hope it was his birthday every time he saw the flags out for a holiday.

He was a delightful and mischievous little boy. He loved to follow his brothers and sisters everywhere they went. When he couldn't keep up, one of them would help pack him along on their adventures.

Matthew loves animals. One of his favorite things to do was go to the zoo. He especially loved the lions and the other big cats. In the last few years, he always wanted to invite cousins or friends from church to go with him.

He also had an incredible imagination which made life very interesting for his family. He always had an imaginary friend or pet around. For several years, Matt has loved dragons. He has had a "dragon egg" and has claimed that any day it is going to hatch. He often made plans and asked questions about where he would keep the dragon, who would help him take care of it or give instructions about how you could safely ride it. We always reminded him that "Dragons do NOT make good pets."

Matt loved to help people. He embraced the "Light the World" campaign. Even when it wasn't Christmas time, he wanted to light the world every day.

Matt never met a person he didn't know. They were friends waiting to meet him. When he traveled to Mexico, we practiced for several days so he could learn to introduce himself in Spanish.

He loved children, especially babies. He was always so excited when he got to hold new babies.

While he was attending school at River Heights Post High, he was very proud of having a

“money” job. He worked at Fox’s Pizza Den, at Great Harvest and on a farm.

Matthew graduated from River Heights Post High on May 24, 2019. Matt volunteered at the hospital information desk where he helped people who were lost. He also helped deliver Meals on Wheels for the local senior center.

In the last few months, Matt has faithfully served at the temple baptistery. Attending the temple each week with his mother will continue to be a favorite memory. He also served in the Parleys Creek Swahili Branch Primary. He loved to help the children there learn about Jesus.

Whenever Matt was sick, he always asked for a priesthood blessing. He had great faith that Heavenly Father would answer his prayers and would help heal him thru the power of the priesthood.

Matt is survived by his parents Bryan and JoAnn Mickelson, his siblings Emily (Trey) Johnson, Sarah (Kody) Klaassen, Kathryn (Mason) Ozmun, Eric (Chelsey) Mickelson, Daniel Mickelson, his grandparents Walter and Donna Mickelson, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Gerald and Myrtle Larsen and by TJ, a stillborn brother. He is also survived by Mighty, Dave and Rapunzel, Bruce the bad monkey, Nala, Hope, Fluffy, Zuri and the puking baby fairy.

Matthew passed away unexpectedly on November 26, 2019 from pneumonia. We love you Panda Man!

Viewing for Matthew will be held at the River Heights Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 800 South 600 East River Heights on Monday, December 9, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and again Tuesday December 10, 2019 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Funeral services will be December 10, 2019 at 11:00a.m. at the same location. Interment in the Providence City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to one of the following: The general missionary fund of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints or to Cache Employment Training Center in the form of a check. 275 West 400 South Logan, UT 84321

# Cemetery

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## Providence Cemetery

700 River Heights Blvd  
River Heights, UT,

# Events

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**DEC 9** **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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River Height LDS Chapel  
800 South 600 East, River Heights, UT, US, 84321

**DEC 10** **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:30AM

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**DEC 10** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I am so grateful to have been associated with Matthew. I will long remember he and Derek running errands and coming into the district office. Matthew liked coming into my office because I always had a stash of treats that he enjoyed. We would visit while he munched on a tootsie roll. His smile was special to me. My sincere condolences to your family. I'll treasure my relationship with Matthew.

Joel Allred  
Director of Special Education

Joel Allred - December 06, 2019 at 01:15 PM

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“ From all of us at The Island Market, I want to express our deepest condolences for the loss of your amazing Matthew. Every time he came into the store, he brightened our day and lifted our spirits with his charismatic personality. He will be missed dearly!

Steven Emile - December 05, 2019 at 05:15 PM

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“ I was privligned to have this perfect spirit on my school bus for a year. He was a joy ...my bus attendant Denise Swenson saw him out walking his dog just a week or so ago and insisted we stop for a hug.... So grateful we did... Know that my thoughts and prayers are with your family .... Chrysanne Henry

Chrysanne Henry - December 05, 2019 at 12:12 AM

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“ Sending so much love and prayers to the Mickelson family. Our hearts are heavy and we are so very sorry for the loss of your amazing son Matthew. We love him so much and he was such a light in our lives. Our girls Bailey and Katelynn adored him and spending time with him and going to his birthday parties.

I will always remember him on Sundays passing sacrament. He would grin by the time he could see our girls and knew he was getting close. When he arrived, he would smile as big as the sun and whisper to Katelynn, "You need a ladies man." Every Sunday, never failed. The girls would giggle before he ever reached us. We were all smiling as we knew what was coming. He lit up a room and was an amazing young man.

We are blessed and better for knowing him. All our love the Barragan family.

**Jamie Barragan** - December 04, 2019 at 04:30 PM

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“ I work at Logan Regional and Matt was always so sweet. He would make sure to get the elevator for me and my coworkers! Im so sorry for the loss of your sweet boy..

**Amber Griffith** - December 03, 2019 at 09:22 PM

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“ JoAnn and family,  
I am sorry that you have had to say good bye to Matthew. He truly was a happy and creative fellow! I very much enjoyed knowing him.

Jacquie Rulis

**Jacquie Rulis** - December 03, 2019 at 08:29 PM