



## Matthew Hughes Parker

October 20, 1995 - June 12, 2017

Matthew Hughes Parker, 21, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Monday, June 12, 2017 in Saint Louis, Missouri.

He was born October 20, 1995 in Louisville, KY. to Shawn and Danna Banton Parker .

Matthew was a Senior at St. Louis University, where he was majoring in English, with a double minor in Computer Science and Mathematics. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at St. Louis University. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Notre Dame Regional High School in 2014. He was on the Swim Team and Tennis Team all four years, where he met some of his closest friends. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Science Club, Robotics Team, and several other clubs while in high school. Matthew had a huge heart for helping others, as evidenced by his many hours of community service volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, St. Francis Medical Center, and attending School Mission Trips. In his free time he loved spending time with his family at Kentucky Lake and Sanibel Island, Florida, and loved gaming with his friends.

He worked for Pickleman's Deli in St. Louis.

He was a member of St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau.

Survivors include:

Parents - Shawn and Danna Parker of Cape Girardeau, MO

Sisters- Lindsay Parker and Lily Parker of Cape Girardeau, MO

Maternal Grandmother - Betty Banton of Louisville, KY

Maternal Grandfather - Charles (Linda) Banton of Hopkinsville, KY

Paternal Grandfather - Buddy (Cindy) Parker of Murray, KY

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother - Deanna (Hughes) Parker

Visitation will be from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau. Parish Prayers at 7:45 PM.

Funeral mass will be at 10:00 AM Friday, June 16, 2017 at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael Casteel and Rev. John Harth officiating.

Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Matthew H. Parker Memorial Scholarship at Notre Dame Regional High School.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
1919 Ritter Dr.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Parish Prayers

JUN **15**. 7:45 PM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
1919 Ritter Dr.  
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## Funeral Mass

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
1919 Ritter Dr.  
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# Tribute Wall

RF

“ *Shawn*  
*We are saddened to learn of Matthew's death. You're grief must be unimaginable.*  
*We are traveling and saw the notice on line.*  
*You and your family we be in our thoughts.*  
*Again, our sincere condolences.*

*Russ and Susie Felker*

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**Russ Felker** - June 18, 2017 at 09:37 AM

JS

“ *We were so sorry to hear about Matthew's passing. We are out of town and unable to attend the service but wanted you to know that your entire family is on our hearts and in our prayers.*  
*Jerry & Nancy Stone*

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**Jerry & Nancy Stone** - June 16, 2017 at 04:01 PM

JL

“ *Cheryl and I are so sorry to hear about the loss of Matthew. Our prayers are with you.*

*Jim and Cheryl Lawrence*

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**Jim Lawrence** - June 16, 2017 at 10:10 AM

PC

“ *Pickleman's Laclede; Adam, Mason, Kristen, and co. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.*



Pickleman's Laclede; Adam, Mason, Kristen, and co. - June 16, 2017 at 05:32 AM

WG

“ *I sat next to Matt in Spanish class last semester at SLU and he basically was my second teacher. The Matt I knew was extremely bright, always inclusive, and a true joy to be around. I'm dumbfounded by his sudden passing and can't imagine how you are feeling. My condolences go out to his family during this tough time.*

Will Gracik - June 16, 2017 at 04:01 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.*



June 15, 2017 at 11:45 PM

BH

“ *Bobbi Hatler purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.*



Bobbi Hatler - June 15, 2017 at 09:27 PM

AE

“ Words can't express how saddened we are by the loss of your son Matthew. Our hearts are with you all. -- Amelia Essman, Don Gentle, Sophie and Alex Gentle

Amelia Essman - June 15, 2017 at 06:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.



June 15, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.



June 15, 2017 at 05:54 PM

DT

“ Dr. Parker and family: We were so sorry to hear of your sons' passing. Prayers for strength and comfort in the days (weeks, months and years) ahead. Bill and Debbie Trautman



debbie trautman - June 15, 2017 at 05:33 PM

PL

“ My colleagues and I are deeply saddened by Matthew's sudden passing. We were privileged to have him as a student in our department, and will miss his intelligence, wit, and good cheer. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

*Paul Lynch  
English Department  
Saint Louis University*

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**Paul Lynch** - June 15, 2017 at 04:57 PM

JP

“ Matthew was a gifted younger g man. My heart goes to Shawn and his family. May God Give you peace in this trying time. I love you all so much.

*Great Uncle Joe*



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**Joe Parker** - June 15, 2017 at 04:47 PM

LP

“ Thank you for sharing Matthew with Saint Louis University for the past four years. May God give you strength, grace and comfort to help you through this terrible loss.

*Sincerely, Prof. Patton Chiles*

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**Lee Patton Chiles, Adj. Professor** - June 15, 2017 at 03:01 PM

PG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Matt was a student in my history survey course in the Fall of 2016, and I remember him as a top-notch, conscientious student who was also the sweetest person one could ever hope to meet. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. I hope you eventually may derive some solace that Matthew contributed more in terms of good cheer and service to others than most of us have accomplished over a much longer lifespan.

*Philip Gavitt  
Saint Louis University*

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**Philip Gavitt** - June 15, 2017 at 02:57 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.



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June 15, 2017 at 02:49 PM

PO

“ Pat Hearn From Dr M Office lit a candle in memory of Matthew Hughes Parker



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**Pat Hearn from Dr M office** - June 15, 2017 at 12:57 PM

SW

“ I have never met Matthew, but have known his father's family quite well through a cousin relationship of our grandparents! Shawn my heart is breaking for you right now! Only time will ease the pain and wonderful memories will step in! Our oldest grandson John Davis Woodall is close in age and I know how devastated our family would be if something happened to him! Since son Jon is Catholic I will have him light a special candle for me at mass in the morning! May God bless you all! Sonia Henrietta Davis Woodall

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sonia H. Davis Woodall - June 15, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.



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June 15, 2017 at 12:21 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.



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June 15, 2017 at 12:04 PM

LN

“ Dear Parker Family, At the recent Notre Dame graduation I looked across the room at your family and noticed what a handsome young man Matthew has grown into. Your tragic loss is painful to many of us who have watched him grow up. My prayers for you are for peace of mind and heart. I am so very sorry. ~Laura Nolan

Laura Nolan - June 15, 2017 at 10:52 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family in your time of sorrow.

Carolyn Barks Leary

Carolyn Lee - June 15, 2017 at 09:32 AM

SH

“ Dear Parker family,  
I am so very saddened to read of this tremendous loss to your family and to our world. My prayer is that God will make His presence felt and that He will comfort you all during this time of great loss. Please know that you are joined in your grief by so many others and that prayers are being offered up on your behalf.  
Steve H. (patient)

Steve Hargett - June 15, 2017 at 09:03 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.



June 14, 2017 at 11:00 PM

LO

“ It's been a really long time... but I remember an adorable brown haired, tan skinned little boy always super sweet and eager to do his best at swimming lessons:). I also remember noting how kind and sweet his mom was always! I am thinking and praying so much for the family!

lorie - June 14, 2017 at 08:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.



June 14, 2017 at 08:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.



June 14, 2017 at 05:29 PM

RB

“ Randy, Judy, Logan, & Bobby Bell purchased the Fruit Abounds for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.



Randy, Judy, Logan, & Bobby Bell - June 14, 2017 at 12:31 PM

FS

“ *From the Class of '87, Murray High School purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.*



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**From the Class of '87, Murray High School** - June 14, 2017 at 10:58 AM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.*



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June 14, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.*



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June 14, 2017 at 02:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.*



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June 13, 2017 at 11:24 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Hughes Parker.*



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June 13, 2017 at 11:08 PM