



## Matthew James Schmit

April 10, 1986 - December 4, 2007

Matthew James Schmit

Matt graduated from the New Orleans Police Academy on Friday and had his first day at work on Monday. The following day, Tuesday, December 4, 2007, his life was taken due to an automobile accident in Hammond, La. He was 21. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, Matt was a resident of Chalmette and had since relocated to Ponchatoula.

Matt is survived by his mother and step-father, Noel (King) and Dwayne Rome of Pelham, Alabama, father and step-mother, Des, III and Brandy Schmit of Little Rock, Arkansas, one half brother, Andrew Rome, four half sisters, Rachel Rome, Lexis Schmit, Allison Schmit and Zoe Schmit, step sister, Brittany Rome and two step brothers, Max Morovich and Thomas Rome. He was a special young man and loved dearly by his maternal grandparents, Jimmy and Margie (Addison) King, formerly of Chalmette and currently residing in Ponchatoula. He is also survived by his paternal grandparents, Patricia (Ryan) and Des Schmit, Jr., great grandparents, Norman Sr. and Lillie Addison and Lorraine Ryan. Matt leaves behind two aunts, Sherry King, esq. and Donna King, his uncle David Schmit, four cousins, Kailey King, Kelly King, Killian Schmit and Ryan Schmit. His girlfriend, Danielle Valenti and his very best friend, Joseph "JoJo" Valenti also survive him along with many good friends and a host of relatives.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Hwy 190, west of

Hammond on Friday, December 7th at 11:00 a.m. The family requests that visiting hours be observed at the funeral home chapel Thursday, beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and again on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until the service time. Rev. Milton Martin and Rev. Barry Sutton will be conducting the services and interment will be in Rose Memorial Cemetery in Hammond.

Condolences and other information available online at [www.bgthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.bgthompsonfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home of Hammond.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Matthew,  
I've been thinking a lot about you lately. Kelly got her driver's license and a vehicle and it reminds me of how long we've been without you. You're loved and missed every day. I adore and miss you. I'm thankful for the time I had you. I know you probably wouldn't believe this but, a LSU student worker almost killed Kailey and Donna while they were touring the campus so Kay went to SLU. It makes me sad that your memorial has LSU on it. Maw-maw was buried with her LSU tiger's ears headband. It breaks my heart. I hope to see you soon. I love and miss you daily.



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Sherry King - October 15, 2017 at 05:48 PM



“ Dear Matthew,  
I was so proud of you becoming a New Orleans Police Officer. I loved you very much and I don't know what I am going to do without you. I miss you so much.  
Love, Mom###imported-begin##Sherry King##imported-end##

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August 19, 2009 at 05:09 AM



“ Dear N.O.P.D. Recruit Class 159,  
I want to thank you all for coming to P/O Matthew Schmit's funeral services. Your comments & condolences his guest book have blessed me. Please keep in touch.  
Noel (Matthew's Mom)##imported-begin##Noel Rome##imported-end##

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December 10, 2007 at 12:23 PM



“ I am so happy that Matthew reached his goal of becoming a New Orleans Police Officer. I am very sad that he died and I will never forget my brother. I loved him very much and I will always miss him.##imported-begin##Noel Rome##imported-end##

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December 10, 2007 at 12:16 PM



“ To the family of Matthew Schmit:  
I have heard several persons comment that Matt “only” worked one day after graduation. But the word “only” does not describe the real accomplishment that Matt achieved. Matt “worked one day” doing what many people will never do, in a dangerous job serving his fellow man. And for his service, I honor him.

To Matt:

We all recall you gave your best.

You did your job, now you can rest.

Your comrades now can cover your post

as you take your place with the Heavenly Host.##imported-begin##Rachel Rome##imported-end##

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December 09, 2007 at 09:49 PM



“ I was in Matthew's recruit class in the academy for the first 5 weeks and to drop out due to illness!! Matthew was a strong courageous individual!! My prayers r with yall!!##imported-begin##Shacretta Mitchell##imported-end##

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December 09, 2007 at 12:04 PM



“ I offer my deepest sympathy to the Schmit's family during your loss. Schmit was a fun and loving person. I speak for whole recruit class 159 when I say he will be miss.##imported-begin##Sergeant Chris Landry##imported-end##

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December 09, 2007 at 11:36 AM



“ Dear Matt:  
It makes me happy to think that you reached your goal of becoming a police officer. I am also happy that you found love with Danielle. Even though God only let us have you for 21 years, I am so thankful that he sent you to us. I will always keep your sweet smile and cheerful spirit in my thoughts.  
Love, Aunt Sherry##imported-begin##Bobby Jones##imported-end##

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December 08, 2007 at 12:05 PM



“ i am so sorry for your loss. matt was a nice boy.god bless##imported-begin##Sherry King##imported-end##

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December 07, 2007 at 06:19 PM



“ Sis Rome I'm so sorry for you lose, you and your family are in our prayers. If you need anything please let me know.##imported-begin##kailey##imported-end##

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December 07, 2007 at 05:33 PM



“ ##imported-begin##Bro & Sis Passmore##imported-end##

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December 07, 2007 at 02:58 PM



“ Des and Brandi,  
We have been out of touch for awhile but please know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Matt was always so nice to all of us especially Ashley.##imported-begin##Bro & Sis Passmore##imported-end##

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December 07, 2007 at 02:57 PM



“ To the Schmit family my sincerest condolence, may the Lord be with you through these tough times.

To Officer Schmit (Elvis) you were a wonderful recruit and I'm sure you would have been a great Police Officer. I will miss you very much, and i know your protecting and serving above.##imported-begin##Mike, Robin and Ashley Virga##imported-end##

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December 07, 2007 at 11:59 AM



“ Des, Brandy, Max and Family

*Our entire family is thinking of you doing your loss.*

*Please let us know if you need anything*

*The Roberts Family##imported-begin##Sergeant Damon Murray##imported-end##*

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December 07, 2007 at 11:14 AM



“ *From a firefighter to a police officer in Christ, LOVE, HONOR, AND PRAISE THE LORD##imported-begin##Aaron Roberts##imported-end##*

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December 07, 2007 at 09:11 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Matt's family today, as you lay him to rest. I taught him at AJ and was glad to have the opportunity to have him as a student. He wasn't always eager to work, but he was very respectful to me. Through his tough-guy exterior I somehow managed to evoke a smile quite often. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Bro. Mike Henderson##imported-end##*

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December 07, 2007 at 08:14 AM



“ *Sister Rome and family,  
We are praying for you and your family.  
God Is,  
The Adelmann family##imported-begin##Mrs. Brassette##imported-end##*

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December 07, 2007 at 07:50 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss and just wanted you guys to know that we are thinking about you.

*Russ, Robin, Quincey and Reid Johnson(Holy Souls 8B)##imported-begin##Larry & Deanette Adelman##imported-end##*

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December 07, 2007 at 07:39 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. May God be with you.##imported-begin##The Johnson's(Quincey's family)##imported-end##

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December 07, 2007 at 07:36 AM



“ I'm sorry for your loss. Matt was a great person. I was in the academy with Matt. He will be truly missed by us all.##imported-begin##Joey, Jamie, Taylor, & Susan Wallace##imported-end##

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December 07, 2007 at 06:58 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Michael Franklin##imported-end##

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December 07, 2007 at 06:50 AM



“ Margie, Jimmy, Sherry and Donna,

*My condolences to all of you on the loss of your grandson and nephew. I know there is nothing I can say to make you feel better, but please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Earl G. Schmit##imported-end##*

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December 07, 2007 at 06:04 AM



“ Mrs. Lillie,Mr. Norman and Barry,

*My condolences go out to all of you on the loss of your great-grandson and great-nephew. There is nothing that I can say to make you feel better, but please know that my thoughts and prayers are will you all.##imported-begin##Kimberly Lataxes##imported-end##*

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December 07, 2007 at 05:04 AM



“ Noel,

*My sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of your son Matt. I had only met Matt once when he was very young and he was an adorable boy. I would always see him outside playing or working on his car when I passed down the street. I know there is nothing I can say that will make you feel any better, but please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Kimberly Lataxes##imported-end##*

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December 07, 2007 at 05:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are so sorry about Matthew. When our hearts are breaking, He is Still God. He's God on the mountain and God in the valley. He hears and understands what we are going through.

We love you dearly.##imported-begin##Kimberly Lataxes##imported-end##

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December 07, 2007 at 04:57 AM



“ Our prayers are continually with you all. GOD is with you also. LORD Bless you##imported-begin##Jim & Shirley Corey##imported-end##

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December 06, 2007 at 09:17 PM



“ ##imported-begin##The Ervin Fami;y##imported-end##

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December 06, 2007 at 08:36 PM



“ My sincere condolences to your family on the loss of a fine young man. As the Commander of the Police Academy, I had the opportunity to observe Matthew as he worked toward what was going to be a very promising career. He was such a young and vibrant individual. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance.##imported-begin##Buddy Morgan##imported-end##

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December 06, 2007 at 06:27 PM



“ Sis Noel, We are so sorry about your loss. We are praying for you during this time. May the Lord be your comfort and strength during this valley..We love you and your family!!  
Richard Williams

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December 06, 2007 at 05:47 PM



“ Des, Brandy, Max, Allison & Zoe, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are sorry for your loss.

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December 06, 2007 at 04:59 PM



“ Alan, Ileana, & Andrew Dobbins

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December 06, 2007 at 04:58 PM



“ Matt was a very special person and such a wonderful classmate. You could count on him to always give you encouraging words. I'll certainly miss hearing his famous slogan, "Man you're a beast". I'll be praying for you all and I'll miss him very much. Class 159 misses you Schmit.

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December 06, 2007 at 03:49 PM



“ My sincere condolences in the loss of Matthew. I didn't know him well, as I have only been a member of the academy staff for about 5 weeks. My thoughts and prayers are with you and I am just a phone call away if anything is needed.##imported-begin##P/O Marcia Willis##imported-end##

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December 06, 2007 at 03:00 PM



“ Matt even though your not here with us our memories of you will still live on. There were moments we shared together and I recall almost everyone of them you made me laugh. You are a great person and you will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Sgt. Docia L. Bates##imported-end##

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December 06, 2007 at 01:37 PM



“ Dear Des, Brandy, Mr. and Mrs. Schmit, and David,  
I am so sorry to hear of Matt's passing. There really is nothing I can say that will make this any better, but please know that love and peace are with you and that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Matt was such a sweet kid and it's a shame to have his life come to and end so soon. Again, I am so sorry and wish you all peace and condolences.  
Love, Joy##imported-begin##Jennifer Lailhengue##imported-end##

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December 06, 2007 at 10:46 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Joy Nunez Garscadden##imported-end##

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December 06, 2007 at 10:29 AM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Matthew's family-Sherry and Donna King always had stories to tell about Matthew that would make me laugh-I know that he was very much loved and will be dearly missed!###imported-begin##Nancy Troillett###imported-end##

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December 06, 2007 at 10:28 AM



“ Sis. Rome, I am so sorry for your loss...our thoughts & prayers are certainly with you & your family.  
May God's Strength & Peace be with you & carry you through this time.  
We love you & your Family & remember your New Life family is lifting you up , but GOD will be carrying you every step of the way.  
"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts & minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7###imported-begin##Lorna Turnage###imported-end##

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December 06, 2007 at 08:53 AM



“ Des, I am so sorry for the loss of your son. I know that he meant everything to you being that he was your first child.

I am sorry that I cannot be there with you in your time of grief, but you will be in my prayers.

Your friend,

Kenny Choina###imported-begin##Charlotte Biscotto###imported-end##

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December 06, 2007 at 08:43 AM



“ Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kenny Choina##imported-end##

December 06, 2007 at 08:12 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Tina##imported-end##

December 06, 2007 at 07:48 AM



“ Jimmy & Margie,  
I am so sorry that you lost a wonderful grandson. I'll be praying for all of you.  
Love Ceil##imported-begin##Zi (Evelyn King) Heuser##imported-end##

December 05, 2007 at 10:16 PM



“ Margie and Jimmy and Noel and family.....

We are so sad to hear of your loss. May God comfort you with his peace and love.

Love, in Christ Jesus

Barbara & Ken Smith##imported-begin##ceil shelton##imported-end##

December 05, 2007 at 08:36 PM



“ *Your loss is tragic and we send our blessings your way*

*Melissa LeBrun and family  
daughter/step daughter of Joyce and Gary Addison##imported-  
begin##Barbara & Ken Smith##imported-end##*

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December 05, 2007 at 08:26 PM



“ *I'M SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. IT IS SO HARD TO GIVE UP  
OUR CHILDREN.  
I KNOW YOU WILL MISS MATTHEW.  
BE COMFORTED IN KNOWING HE IS IN THE ARMS OF JESUS.  
MAY GOD STRENGTHEN ALL THE FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF  
SORROW.*

*BONITA McCAN (JIMMY KING'S COUSIN)  
CIBOLO, TX##imported-begin##Melissa LeBrun##imported-end##*

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December 05, 2007 at 08:02 PM



“ *My prayers are with you, Jimmy, Margie and Noel. I'm thinking of  
you and wish I could make the pain go away. Cousin  
Joyce##imported-begin##BONITA McCAN##imported-end##*

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December 05, 2007 at 06:06 PM



“ I'm very sorry for the tragic loss of Matthew. Although I had not met him yet, as police, we are all "brothers and sisters." I hope your family will find some peace knowing that Matthew had achieved an important goal - he was a New Orleans police officer. That is truly something to be proud of!###imported-begin##Joyce Rose###imported-end##

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December 05, 2007 at 06:03 PM



“ I sorry for your lost. My prayers are with you and your family.###imported-begin##Lt. Christy Williams###imported-end##

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December 05, 2007 at 05:42 PM



“ My heart goes out to your entire family. I've only known Matt for a few months but was truly blessed to have known him. He and I were in the Academy together. He will be greatly missed and I will hold his memory and joy that he brought forever!###imported-begin##P/O S. Chadwick###imported-end##

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December 05, 2007 at 05:08 PM



“ To my "little" Matt Matt,  
I miss you so much. I can't believe you are gone. I just wanted to let you know how proud I am of you. I have always considered you my little brother. Kailey says you are her best friend and Kelly wants you to come home. We all love you very much.###imported-begin##Sparkle L. Fuentez###imported-end##

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December 05, 2007 at 01:30 PM



“ *##imported-begin##Aunt Donna##imported-end##* ”

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December 05, 2007 at 12:56 PM