



## Matthew "Matt" Koratko

March 2, 1990 - August 19, 2015

### Matthew Koratko

Matt passed away on August 19, 2015 at age 25 in a tragic diving accident while in saturation for Harkand in the Bay of Campeche off of the coast of Mexico. Matt was a loving husband to his wife, Crystal and father to his sons, Nathan and Christopher. He cherished every moment with them. He enjoyed taking his family to the beach, which is where he proposed to his wife, Crystal. He loved going hunting and fishing with his son, Nathan, and playing ball with his son, Christopher. He also enjoyed building guns and working on cars. What he loved doing most was just spending time with his wife and two boys no matter what it was they did, he just loved being with his family. Matt and his wife, Crystal, had just purchased their dream home this past May where they planned to raise their two boys. Matt had two brothers, Alex and Colin who will always remember the things they did together growing up. His parents Cindy and Frank will never forget their strong willed son who gave them so much to be proud of. Matt enjoyed having visits from his parents, Cindy and Frank and brothers, Alex and Colin when they would come down from Wisconsin. Matt was full of energy and loved life, he had so many dreams and was following through with everything he wanted to do.

Matt is survived by his wife, Crystal; children, Nathan and Christopher; parents, Cindy and Frank; brothers, Alex and Colin; mother and father-in-law,

Jackie and David; sisters-in-laws, Casey and Lisa.

Matt is preceded in death by his grandfather, Norman; and uncle, Joseph.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Hammond, on Sunday, August 30, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The visitation will continue on Monday August 31, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until the Religious Service at 12:00 p.m. Rev. Eric Hathoway will conduct the service and interment will follow in Sandhill Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Sandhill Cemetery

Sandhill Cemetery Road  
Ponchatouola, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 30. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA  
12012 Highway 190 W  
Hammond, LA 70401  
(225) 567-1884

## Visitation

AUG 31. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA  
12012 Highway 190 W  
Hammond, LA 70401  
(225) 567-1884

## Funeral Service

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AUG **31**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Hammond, LA 70401  
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# Tribute Wall

CI

“ *Cindy lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Matt" Koratko*



**Cindy** - August 09, 2018 at 08:20 AM

CK

“ *Cindy Koratko lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Matt" Koratko*



**Cindy Koratko** - March 01, 2017 at 06:16 AM

MH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Mike Howard** - January 02, 2017 at 10:27 AM

CL

*Thank you for sharing this video of Matthew!*

**Cindy Koratko I** - January 24, 2017 at 08:56 PM

GI

“ Gina lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Matt" Koratko



Gina - August 15, 2016 at 10:18 AM

CK

“ Cindy Koratko lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Matt" Koratko



Cindy Koratko - April 18, 2016 at 08:08 PM

CK

“ Cindy Koratko lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Matt" Koratko



Cindy Koratko - February 20, 2016 at 03:48 AM

HK

“ Just a fellow diver that never had the pleasure of working with Matt but none the less extend my sincere and mournful condolences on your and all of our small diving family's loss.

Harvey Klee and Family  
Worthing, UK



HARVEY KLEE - September 18, 2015 at 09:24 AM

AW

“ We are so sorry for your loss and send you thoughts and prayers of support. Andy Waity and Family

Andy Waity - September 07, 2015 at 08:05 AM

MC

“ I am so sorry for your loss and heartache. You are in my thoughts and prayers. - Monique



Monique Covarrubias - September 03, 2015 at 01:39 PM

BM

“ Warm thoughts and hugs to you and your family, Cindy. ~ Beth McClure

Beth McClure - September 03, 2015 at 09:15 AM

KA

“ Our hearts go out to all of Matt's family during this very difficult time. Our hope is that the memories that bring sadness today because of the life lost will become the memories that bring a smile because of the life lived. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mike, Kathy, Keith and Mitch Ackerman

Kathy Ackerman - September 01, 2015 at 02:36 PM

MC

“ Many many hugs to you dear Cindy and family ~ Mya Collins at Crestwood

Mya Collins - September 01, 2015 at 12:14 PM

VE

“ Sorry for your loss Frank and Cindy,i just cannot imagine the pain you are in.I'm here if you need me!

Vern - August 31, 2015 at 08:40 PM

LS

“ Frank, Cindy, Alex and Colin,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Our hearts are deepened with sadness. May  
you find strength in each other and in your  
friends and family.  
Love and Prayers,  
Bob, Lisa, Brittany and Lauren Strand



Lisa Strand - August 31, 2015 at 03:31 PM

 Lara  
Ostrander

“ Sending you strength at this difficult time. Matthew sounds like he lived life to the fullest. My thoughts are with you.

Lara Ostrander - August 31, 2015 at 02:46 PM

BH

“ My deepest sympathy to your entire family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May your happy memories fill your heart with peace.  
Sincerely, Britta Hanson

Britta Hanson - August 31, 2015 at 02:32 PM

AM

“ Frank, Cindy, Alex and Colin,

*Our deepest sympathy to you all with this tragic accident in your family. Thoughts and prayers for you to find comfort in each other. Matthew surely made an impact to those around him, making for wonderful memories. Sending you strength to carry on and memories to ease your pain. With heavy hearts, peace be with you, April, Brian, Jordan and Megan*

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**April Meiller** - August 31, 2015 at 09:06 AM

NA

“ You were one of the good guys, bud. Sad to hear you're gone. Strength and thoughts to the family.

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**Nate** - August 31, 2015 at 01:16 AM

AW

“ I'm am so sad to hear about Matt's passing. He was such a nice guy in my class. Prayers to you all during this time. I can't even imagine how you are feeling right now.

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**Amanda Whipkey** - August 30, 2015 at 09:20 PM

MB

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers as you mourn the loss of your wonderful son, brother, husband, and father. We grieve for your loss and for your pain and pray for God to give you strength. Mary and Steve Bruns

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**Mary and Steve Bruns** - August 30, 2015 at 09:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



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August 30, 2015 at 08:53 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



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August 29, 2015 at 10:01 PM



“ *Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, American rock group  
You and I will meet again  
When we're least expecting it  
One day in some far off place  
I will recognize your face  
I won't say goodbye my friend  
For you and I will meet again*

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**Martin Mendoza** - August 29, 2015 at 07:24 PM



*Our hearts are breaking for your loss, we did not know Matt personally but we have a longlasting love and respect for the diving community and the fearless divers who serve the industry. Our thoughts are with you and your sons and with Matt, may he rest in peace. Julie & Roger Rodriguez*

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**Julie Rodriguez R'td. CEO Epic Divers** - August 30, 2015 at 01:38 PM

SD

*Our deepest sympathies to the entire Koratko family. There are few words we could offer to justify the depth of your loss, but please know your friends in Stoughton are thinking and praying for you!*  
*The Tim Davis Family*

**Shannon Davis** - August 31, 2015 at 05:44 PM

MM

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



**Martin Mendoza** - August 29, 2015 at 07:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



August 29, 2015 at 05:12 PM

TF

“ *The Peterson Family purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



**The Peterson Family** - August 29, 2015 at 04:44 PM

TE

“ *The Staff at Crestwood Elementary purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



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**The Staff at Crestwood Elementary** - August 29, 2015 at 04:32 PM

MP

“ *MoMo & Paw Paw purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



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**MoMo & Paw Paw** - August 29, 2015 at 02:36 PM

US

“ *Uncle Bruce & Aunt Sondra purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



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**Uncle Bruce & Aunt Sondra** - August 29, 2015 at 01:23 PM

TA

“ *Tom and Sandy/ Alex and Amber purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



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**Tom and Sandy/ Alex and Amber** - August 29, 2015 at 12:54 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



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August 29, 2015 at 11:36 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



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August 29, 2015 at 09:12 AM



“ *Blessings to his family and loved ones. May you find peace in the memories and the love that he left you all.*

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**Linda Crater** - August 28, 2015 at 09:42 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



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August 28, 2015 at 09:28 PM

SM

“ Salvatore M. purchased the Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.



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**Salvatore M.** - August 28, 2015 at 07:56 PM

TF

“ Tim McCann and Family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.



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**Tim McCann and Family** - August 28, 2015 at 07:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.



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August 28, 2015 at 07:16 PM

JT

“ We grieve with you and your family on your sudden and tragic loss. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray for strength, both now and in the days ahead. Please take care.

*Jerry and Nancy Tollefson*

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**Jerry and Nancy Tollefson** - August 28, 2015 at 04:06 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



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August 28, 2015 at 03:47 PM



“ *Jerry Hackl and Everyone at JK Hackl Transportation Services purchased the Arrive in S tyle for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



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**Jerry Hackl and Everyone at JK Hackl Transportation Services** - August 28, 2015 at 03:45 PM

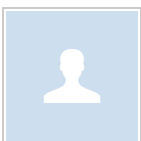


“ *Steve, Brenda, Sami and Kayla Stacy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



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**Steve, Brenda, Sami and Kayla Stacy** - August 28, 2015 at 02:11 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



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August 28, 2015 at 01:13 PM

DP

“ *Deb and Joel Ponty purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



Deb and Joel Ponty - August 28, 2015 at 12:35 PM

FS

“ *From Your Friends at Sani-Matic purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



From Your Friends at Sani-Matic - August 28, 2015 at 12:19 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



August 28, 2015 at 11:37 AM

JJ

“ *Julie, Alexa, Samantha, Toby, Judy, and Jeff purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Matthew "Matt" Koratko.*



Julie, Alexa, Samantha, Toby, Judy, and Jeff - August 28, 2015 at 11:15 AM

HB

“ *Sending Love and Strength as you go through this difficult time. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. He is now looking down on you and will always wrap you in his love. With Sympathy, The Buan Family - Heidi, Doug, Daphne and Drew*

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**Heidi Buan** - August 27, 2015 at 08:57 PM

AD

“ *Deep sympathy and prayers to this family. May God grant you all strength and courage. Know so many of us care.*

*Ann Dettwiler*



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**Ann Dettwiler** - August 27, 2015 at 04:37 PM

DR

“ *My thoughts & prayers to the entire Koratko family. My heart is breaking for you!*

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**Donna Robinson** - August 27, 2015 at 02:20 PM

DM

“ *Thanking God for your loved one's life and praying for you as you grieve your loss...*

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**Darien & Diedra (DeeDee) Milton** - August 27, 2015 at 08:57 AM

GH

“ *When tomorrow starts without me,  
And I am not here to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes,  
filled with tears of me,*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things,  
We didn't get to say*

*I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you,  
And each time you think of me,  
I know you will miss me too*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we are far apart,  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right there in your heart*

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**Gina Howland** - August 27, 2015 at 07:07 AM