



Matthew Blair Gressel

May 3, 1968 - February 5, 2020

Matthew Blair Gressel, 51 longtime resident of Tallahassee, Florida passed away Wednesday 2/5/20 at 6:30pm at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital due to complications from double pneumonia and a 9 month fight against a glioblastoma brain tumor.

Matt was born May 3rd, 1968 in Columbus, Indiana, the second of three sons born to Ronald K. Gressel and Helen O'Brien Gressel. The family moved to Tallahassee in 1974, and Matt made his life here, graduating from Florida State University and working for the State of Florida for most of his adult life.

Matt is preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents and his younger brother Michael Gressel.

Matt is survived by his wife Helen Lenaerts (Tallahassee), Ex-wife Kimberly Burke (Russ) (Tallahassee), Daughters Kyra Gressel and Courtney Gressel (both of Tallahassee) and step daughter Marissa Lenaerts (currently at UF Gainesville) mother Helen O'Brien Gressel (Tallahassee), father Ronald K Gressel and step mother Linda Gressel (Tallahassee) his brother Mark B Gressel (Holly) of Tallahassee, step sisters Sherrie Dice (Perry) Angelia Aman and Camille Taylor (Jacksonville) and Dianna Amon (Tallahassee). He is also survived by many uncles and aunts along with numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, extended family and a vast number of friends and co-workers.

A memorial service for Matthew Gressel will be held Saturday, February 15th at Bevis Funeral Home at 200 John Knox Rd. in Tallahassee. Visitation begins at 10am with memorial service starting at 11am. Please join us for the memorial. A private family service will follow at graveside, and an informal gathering and celebration of his life will be held later that evening (6p-9p) at his longtime residence in Centerville Trace. Please message his wife Helen Lenaerts via messenger for more information. Thank you. In Lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the American Diabetes Association or the American Brain Tumor Association. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Events

FEB **The family will receive friends** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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FEB **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew Blair Gressel.



February 12 at 12:08 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Blair Gressel.



February 11 at 10:19 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time, for strength, love, and comfort!



Julie Chastain - February 10 at 09:04 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Blair Gressel.



February 09 at 02:10 PM



“ Steven and Shelly Mauro purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Matthew Blair Gressel.



Steven and Shelly Mauro - February 09 at 12:53 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Frances Evan - February 09 at 08:14 AM



“ Matt was a gentle soul who was very easy-going and so lovingly devoted to his family. I will especially remember two special times with Matt. For Thanksgiving last year we planned a family reunion of Helen's side of the family in a lovely, large cabin in the mountains of North Carolina. We spent several days together and had the opportunity to relax, catch up on all the family news and share some laughs. I so enjoyed conversations with Matt sitting around the large outdoor fireplace. Another special memory that stays with me was at my mother's (Matt's mother-in-law) 89th birthday celebration. While some of her favorite oldies played in the background, my mother turned to Matt and reached for him to dance. Without missing a beat, Matt took her hands and swayed with her to the music. I often recall that sweet and loving moment. Living in Connecticut I only saw Matt once a year but I came to admire him for his loyalty, love and happiness with his wife, daughters and all his family. I also admired his brave battle with brain cancer and enduring several aggressive treatments to conquer it.

Dear Matt, you will be sorely missed.

Frances Evan (Helen's sister)

Frances Evan - February 09 at 08:08 AM



“ Love, Kim & Russ Burke purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Matthew Blair Gressel.



Love, Kim & Russ Burke - February 08 at 06:48 PM