



## Matthew Oliver Potter

January 14, 1952 - October 25, 2016

Matthew Oliver Potter, longtime educator, died Tuesday, October 25, 2016 in Tallahassee. He was born on January 14, 1952 in Itasca, Illinois. He received an I.B. degree from Atlantic College in Wales, GB; a Bachelor's degree in Education from FSU; a Master's degree in Education Administration from Nova University; and a Specialist's degree in Counseling from Argosy University.

He began his career as an English teacher at Lincoln High School in Tallahassee and later at Carter Parramore in Quincy. But the bulk of his career was spent in Charlotte County, Florida. There he taught both middle school and high school English and drama, coached football, and was an adjunct professor at Edison College in Punta Gorda, Florida. The last ten years of his 38 years as an educator were spent as a guidance counselor at Lemon Bay High School in Englewood, Florida. He was beloved by his students, many of whom were inspired to become teachers because of him. Many more stayed in touch with him over the years.

He loved boating, fishing, playing guitar, traveling in his motor home, and, above all, reading.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Meg, his brother William James Tiffany III (Debbie), sisters-in law Abby Werlock (Jim), Jennifer Winton (John), Dewey Potter, Amy Gibson (John); and brother-in-law Timothy Potter (Kathy). He is also survived by seven nieces and nephews.

A short tribute to Matthew will take place this Sunday during the regular

service at First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. 850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Hi Meg - Although we have not been in touch for quite some time, Janine and I were both saddened to hear of Matt's passing. We have many fond memories of our time spent together in Port Charlotte. We both treasured our friendship with you and Matt. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.  
Fondly,  
Robert & Janine Hill

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**Robert Hill** - October 31, 2016 at 06:45 PM

CH

“ My dear Meg  
Words can't describe our shock with the news of Matt's passing. We will always cherish the beautiful memories of our times together. There were no strangers in Matt's world-he was always ready to offer a helping hand. His devotion to his students extended beyond the classroom and for some, his help made their future a whole lot better. At this very sad time, we send our deepest sympathy and prayers.  
love  
Eileen & Clarke Harris

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**Clarke Harris** - October 31, 2016 at 10:19 AM

DD

“ Hi Meg  
I was so shocked to hear the news of Matt's passing this week! Even though it has been a long time, I have so many fond memories of attending plays, being on the water, listening to music, and enjoying time in your home with good food, drink, and company. I will always remember the good times we shared, and Matt in particular for his intellect, sensitivity, and professionalism.

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**David Derheimer** - October 30, 2016 at 10:24 AM

DW

“ I am sad beyond description at Matt's death. During his time in Charlotte County he and I were colleagues, and friends. Matt was a strong individual who always did the right thing for kids. I always knew I could count on him. Meg, Steve and I send you our deepest sympathy and know that we are somewhat comforted by the wonderful memories we have of our friendship.

Love,

Donna and Steve Widmeyer

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**Donna Widmeyer** - October 29, 2016 at 06:24 PM

MH

“ I was in the first graduating class of Port Charlotte High School in 1984 and had Mr. Potter for english. He was patient, kind, and generous. I'm so sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Maurya Morgan Hellane

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**Maurya K Hellane** - October 29, 2016 at 08:54 AM