



## Matthew Bryant Williams

August 24, 1975 - January 2, 2024

Matthew Bryant Williams | “Cousin” Williams

Matthew “Cousin” Bryant Williams, 48, passed away Tuesday, January 2, 2024 in Tallahassee, Florida.

Matthew was born on August 24, 1975 in Tallahassee, Florida to Kim Bryant Williams and Janet Gibby Williams. Matthew, loved by a community of friends, family, artists and musicians, was a soul who embarked on journeys through the realms of the outdoors and art. He was an avid hunter, a spectacular fisherman, an artist, and music man extraordinaire. He was a true connoisseur of the tides, navigating through life on the waves of creativity.

Beyond his pursuits on the water and in the woods, Matthew found his energy through the vibrations of the artistic universe. He exhibited a flair for creativity in the kitchen and on the grill, and he generously shared his culinary skills with friends and family. He was also an incredibly talented visual and musical artist; his original paintings and music leave a lasting reminder of his creative genius for family and friends to cherish.

Matthew’s affection for his nieces and nephew ran deep. Some of his happiest moments were spent celebrating birthdays and significant milestones with them.

Matthew will be remembered for his heart of gold, his charismatic and larger

than life personality, his ability to make you think, a sense of humor that always lit up a room, and always being willing to help out no matter what.

Rest easy, Matthew; you will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his father Kim Bryant Williams (and wife Mayda) of Tallahassee; his mother Janet Gibby Williams of Tallahassee; his sister Johanna Money (and husband Jake); his brother Andrew Williams (and wife Marlene); his step-sister Tracey Cohen (and husband Jeremy); his nieces Lily & Everett Money, Mae Williams, and Molly & Paige Cohen; his nephew Andrew Williams, Jr.; his maternal grandfather John Frances Gibby of Dallas, Texas; an army of Williams / Ott / Gardner cousins; and a host of friends that were like family. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Hugh Elton Williams, Jr. & Marie Daughtry Williams, and his maternal grandmother Mabel Kunce Gibby.

A celebration of his life will be held on Thursday, January 18 at 2pm at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, 1700 North Meridian Road, Tallahassee, FL. Visitation will follow immediately after the service at the church. In lieu of flowers and in honor of Matthew, take a friend fishing.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Williams family with their arrangements. ([www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) or 850-385-2193)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Saint Paul's United Methodist Church  
1700 N Meridian Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303-5699  
(850) 385-5146

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Bryant Williams.*



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January 17, 2024 at 02:08 PM



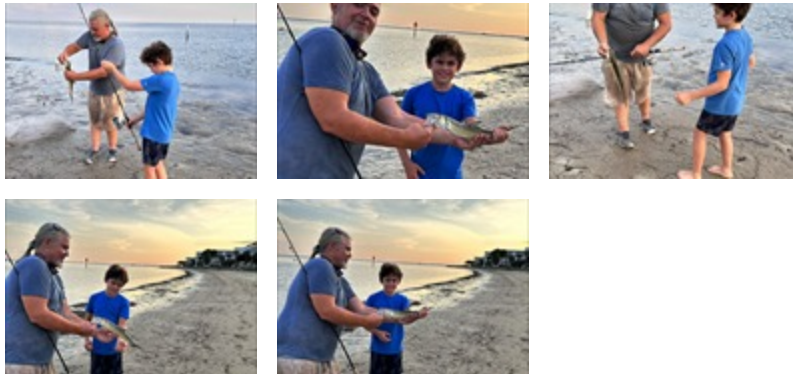
“ *Kyle Roberts and Chelle Duncan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Bryant Williams.*

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**Kyle Roberts and Chelle Duncan** - January 17, 2024 at 02:08 PM



“ *8 files added to the tribute wall*



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**josephine forman** - January 17, 2024 at 08:54 AM

LP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Lisa & Prince** - January 17, 2024 at 06:45 AM

LP

*Prince & I will miss you very much Matthew. Look out for us and protect us if we may fall, as you did in life. Xo*

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**Lisa & Prince** - January 17, 2024 at 06:50 AM

AM

“ *From singing in Oklahoma to walking me through finding "me" again after my divorce, you knew how to make me laugh and how to make the world a brighter place.*

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**Ada Malone** - January 15, 2024 at 07:04 PM

CC

“ *I remember so well being at a wedding reception. Really boring band, we could not dance to and celebrate. Matthew showed up and took over in a really good way. He brought the "it" factor to the music. Made the night memorable for everyone (even the band that was hired for it.) Matthew, I smile when I think of that night.*

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**Carolyn Cotilla** - January 14, 2024 at 10:08 PM

KH

“ So many nights spent with him eating dinner after school at our house.or up at the transportation dept at NFC eating hot glazed donuts getting into trouble. He was always the center of attention with his knowledge of ohh soo many topics I could listen to him talk for hours. One night Matt made us a huge pot of chilli and brought over(probably venison) n he let his dirty pot on the stove that night. Our mom washed it and told him the next day “hey Matt you left your pot” his EYES got soooo big and she knew lol and said you know, ur chilli pot. We all busted out laughing like ewhhhh we got out of that one. It always makes my heart happy when I hear him singing. He sang a cappella at chapel one Monday morning in High School at North Florida Christian. The courage that he had to get up in front of the whole school and not only sing but sing with no backup music , a cappella. His voice was aaaaamazing. I was so proud of him. I always wanted to recorded “Better than I used to be” with him as he has it recorded somewhere, I didn’t get the chance. Matt came over and I cooked dinner for him a few months ago and we got to hang out few times in 2023 and I am so blessed to have those recent memories. He helped me with my generator and a couple other things. He would call and check on me from time to time. A heart of GOLD that boy had. Matthew Bryant I love you like one of my own brothers as does my whole family!!! Rest Easy & Good luck my dear friend. As he would say “you can keep ur luck”... thanks for leaving ur beautiful songs behind. My heart breaks. Love you always, Kell

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**Kelley Howes-Seeders** - January 14, 2024 at 06:46 PM

RY

“ I harken back to, and will forever cherish, our rabbit-hole conversations and natural rapport, whether around a keg in high school or at Bear Creek Music Festival after 10 years of divergent paths into adulthood, together trying to untangle *The Mystery*, while on our separate and unique journeys. You had a beautiful voice and a way with song, and I loved hearing you sing and play, Cousin, whether it was an original while we shared tunes at a party, or watching you play covers on a livestream in Tally, from my home in Tennessee. You always got IT and, while you will be sorely missed on this plane, I know that if anyone can send us all a little Love from the Source, we can count on you to do so. With that, Godspeed and GOAT BALLS, my friend and fellow traveler, it was an honor sharing a slice of the Universe with you!!!

Ryno - January 14, 2024 at 03:48 PM

CG

“ ❤️ Matt holds a special place in my heart! ❤️

Cheryl Walden Gaskin - January 14, 2024 at 12:18 PM

JA

“ I'll never forget the time at Matthew's grandmother's funeral, where he sat on top of her coffin with a guitar and he played a sweet song. May he rest in peace.

Jeanne Ackerman - January 14, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Bryant Williams.



January 13, 2024 at 10:08 PM

JB

“ Justin Bozone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Bryant Williams.

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**Justin Bozone** - January 13, 2024 at 10:08 PM