



## Chipp Matthews

June 15, 1958 - March 3, 2014

Chipp Matthews (nee Scott M. Smith) passed away on Monday, March 3, 2014 at the St. Peter's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center after a brave struggle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

Chipp was born on June 15, 1958 in Little Falls, NY to Deanna (Vosburgh) Smith and James Smith and grew up in Fort Plain, NY. He graduated from Fort Plain High School in 1976. He also earned degrees from Newcastle Business College and Schenectady County Community College.

Chipp leaves behind his partner, The Rev. Shawn E. Bracebridge and their two children Malik TJ Matthews and Cameron Kamel Matthews. He also leaves his mother Deanna Smith, two sisters Faith Smith and Jayne (Michael) Vickerson, many cousins including Sherene (John) Peruzzi, Bob (LuAnn) Schrader, Bill (Cherie) Schrader, aunts and uncles as well as many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father and brother. Chipp was also blessed with many close friends whom he considered family including Yasmin Delestre, Brian and Gail Stall and Steve Johnson. Chipp is reunited in heaven with his beloved cairn terrier Ceejay.

Chipp had many interests, but was most proud and involved in the lives of his two sons Malik and Cameron who are his greatest legacy. He enjoyed doing stained glass, amusement parks, the beach, gardening and karaoke. He loved

hockey and played as a member of the Albany Bombers team and was an avid season ticket holder fan of the Albany River Rats and Albany Devils. Chipp was also involved with Albany Youth Soccer and many other volunteer opportunities always doing walks, runs and other events for various important causes around the capital district. Chipp enjoyed his work and leaves many long time friends from Equifax and Capital Cardiology.

The family would like to thank all the staff at St. Peter's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center who cared so lovingly for him until the end. The family is also grateful for the amazing work of the St. Peter's ALS Regional Center, especially Dr. Roberta Miller and Trish O'Keefe as well as Sue Farrow from the Eddy VNA who were always available to support Chipp and his family through the journey.

Calling hours and a celebration of Chipp's life will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY.

A short service of remembrance will take place at the funeral home at 2:00 p.m.

The family requests that flowers be omitted, but that generous donations be made in Chipp's name to the St. Peter's ALS Regional Center/Louis Golub MDA/ALS Clinic at 19 Warehouse Row, Albany, NY 12205 or to the Matthews Children Education Fund at Capital Communications Federal Credit Union, 18 Computer Drive East, Albany, NY 12205.

To leave a message for the family, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Chipp Matthews



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - March 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Living with ALS has been one of the hardest challenges of my life. The muscle weakness, fatigue, and gradual loss of mobility were heartbreaking. Conventional treatments offered little more than temporary comfort, and I was starting to lose hope. That's when I discovered NaturePath Herbal Clinic. Skeptical but desperate for relief, I decided to try their herbal therapy. To my surprise, by the fourth month, I began noticing steady improvements less muscle twitching, better coordination, and renewed energy. It wasn't an overnight miracle, but the progress felt real. For the first time in a long while, I felt a sense of control returning to my body. Today, I move more freely, sleep better, and most importantly I feel hopeful again. This journey with NaturePath has been life changing. If you or someone you love is battling ALS or any other neurodegenerative condition, I genuinely encourage you to explore natural alternatives. You might be surprised at what's possible. I'm truly grateful I gave them a chance. [www.naturepathherbalclinic.com](http://www.naturepathherbalclinic.com)

Robert - July 15, 2025 at 12:55 PM

 SB

*What made you think it was appropriate and OK to advertise your quack science on this page?*

Shawn Bracebridge - February 11 at 11:55 AM

 SI

*“ I Almost lost my Mom to this horrific disease. She battled it for 9 year's diagnosed, but we believe she had it even before that. but all thanks to Aknniherbscentre .com for their AIs protocol. She is the strongest person I have ever known and thanks !!!! to aknni herbs centre*

sima - July 22, 2024 at 11:39 AM

 SB

*What made you think it was appropriate to advertise your quack science on this obituary page?*

Shawn Bracebridge - February 11 at 11:54 AM



*“ Chipp Matthews*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

 MW

*“ My sincere condolences. May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana W. - November 30, 2015 at 11:57 PM



*“ My heart goes out to his family & friends!! Sooooo terribly sorry for your loss!*

Carolyn Scofield - May 28, 2014 at 11:14 AM

SB

“ *RIP Chipp I will never forget you. Chipp worked for me as a Lab Monitor for several semesters and always did a wonderful job for us at SCCC.*  
*Sharyn*



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**Sharyn Becker** - April 02, 2014 at 09:17 AM

CK

“ *Be at rest my friend. Condolences to your family.*

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**Cindy Kanser** - March 30, 2014 at 05:46 PM

SH

“ *Dear Family, please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I will keep you in my prayers. Please be comforted by the promise at Acts 24:15. Please know that God is very aware of the many tears that you cry. (Revelation 21:3-5)*

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**Shirl** - March 21, 2014 at 04:42 PM

TL

“ *Shawn, Malik, and Cameron - my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. It's still hard for me to believe Chipp is no longer in this world. He was a kind soul and beautiful person. He is missed terribly by all who knew him. I consider myself lucky to have known him. Love and prayers to you all.*



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**Tanya Lemieszek** - March 10, 2014 at 07:16 AM

PT

“ you are a peace now. you will be looking down on us so we will be safe.



pam turner - March 09, 2014 at 07:45 PM

PT

“ Pam Turner lit a candle in memory of Chipp Matthews




pam turner - March 09, 2014 at 07:44 PM

DR

“ Shawn,  
My hopes and prayers are with you and your family at this time.  
David Rustin

David Rustin - March 07, 2014 at 11:11 AM

 Brandy Morrill

“ Brandy Morrill lit a candle in memory of Chipp Matthews



Brandy Morrill - March 07, 2014 at 09:51 AM