



Matthew McCoy Beath
December 16, 1984 - June 9, 2020

The Burial of the Dead Rite II for Matthew McCoy Beath

Saturday, June 13, 2020 2:00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Beaumont, Texas

All stand while the following anthem is said.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECTS (*Standing or Kneeling*)

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother, Matthew. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

SECOND READING

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

GOSPEL READING

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

The Rev. Steven M. Balke, Jr.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (*Please stand.*)

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Please stand or kneel.*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: For our brother, Matthew, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Leader: Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Matthew, and dry the tears of those who weep.

***People:* Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

***People:* Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

***People:* Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

***People:* Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

***People:* Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

***People:* Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant concludes with one of the following prayer

Father of all, we pray to you for Matthew, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Commendation

Please be seated.

The Presider takes their place at the body.

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

***People:* where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***People:* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

The Presider, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Matthew.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The Committal

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will also give new life to our mortal bodies
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Then, the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our beloved Matthew and we commit his body to this space; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies sake. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

***People:* And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

Celebrant: May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

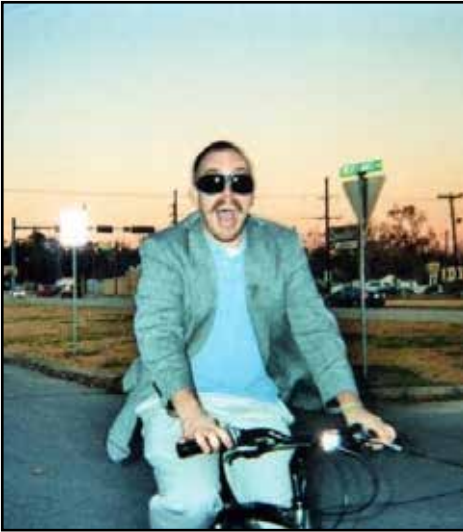
***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Serving our Lord today:

Clergy

The Rev. Steven M. Balke, Jr.



Matthew McCoy Beath passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, after a six-month battle with liver disease. He was born on December 16, 1984, in Nederland, Texas, and was a graduate of West Brook High School and attended Louisiana State University and Lamar University. He played soccer before high school (a very strong fullback) and then lettered in track in high school.

Though it has been quite a while, those who saw the show will long remember his performance as the emcee for the Westbrook Spring Dance Recital his senior year. He showed the wit and cleverness to think on his feet in that moment in time equal to

many on the talk show scene today. But getting up in front of an audience is hard, and he decided to go a different route than that with his life.

One of his favorite experiences at LSU was working as a substitute teacher in a kindergarten as part of a special English class; he really liked helping other people of all ages. He was well-known in the Beaumont community having lived the majority of his life there. His happy place was working at the former restaurant called Easy's where he excelled as a waiter. During these times he liked to paint pictures and tell elaborate stories.

Wherever Matthew was, there were smiles. His happiness infected everyone he met. Five years ago he headed out with what he could fit in his truck on a great adventure to find himself in the vast expanse of the Great West. His parents were very concerned about all this, but they could not hold him back.

His travels took him to many park lands across the west (Big Bend, Yellowstone and others), and fed his love of geology and the outdoors. He tried so many jobs during this time including working at the famous Ahwahnee Lodge at Yosemite National Park, then later at a hostel in nearby Mariposa. From there he landed a job as a bartender at a casino in an Indian Reservation near Fresno. At some point he realized that his fortune was not going to be made working at the casino, or the catering service he tried.

So he moved back to Beaumont to re-connect with his friends here and meet new ones. He worked for various restaurants to find that right place for him, but he never found it. He was one of the initial employees in Beaumont of Favor Delivery – this got him a chance to roam all around the area and meet lots of people. Still there had to be something better he kept telling himself. If ever there was something to see, he was ready to go there and see it. Music was one of his true passions and he traveled to many concerts like SXSW in Austin and Bonnaroo in Tennessee, always seeking to capture and harness the passion he saw there. We are sad that his quest for what's great in the world ended at such an early age. But those who knew him know well that he lived the years he was given to their fullest. Sometimes that is actually what is great in the world.

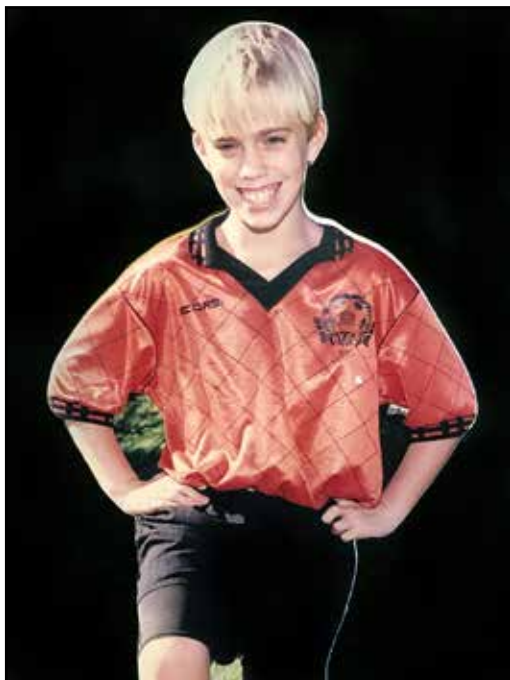
He is survived by his twin brother, Willard Andrew Beath, who resides in Cypress, Texas, with his wife Lauren Dupree Beath and their daughter Dylan Emery Beath; his parents John McCoy Beath and Deborah Kay Beath, who reside in Beaumont, Texas; his aunt Terry Lynn Bowers and her husband David Bowers who reside in League City, Texas; and his grandmother, Jane Westbrook Smith of Kirbyville, Texas.

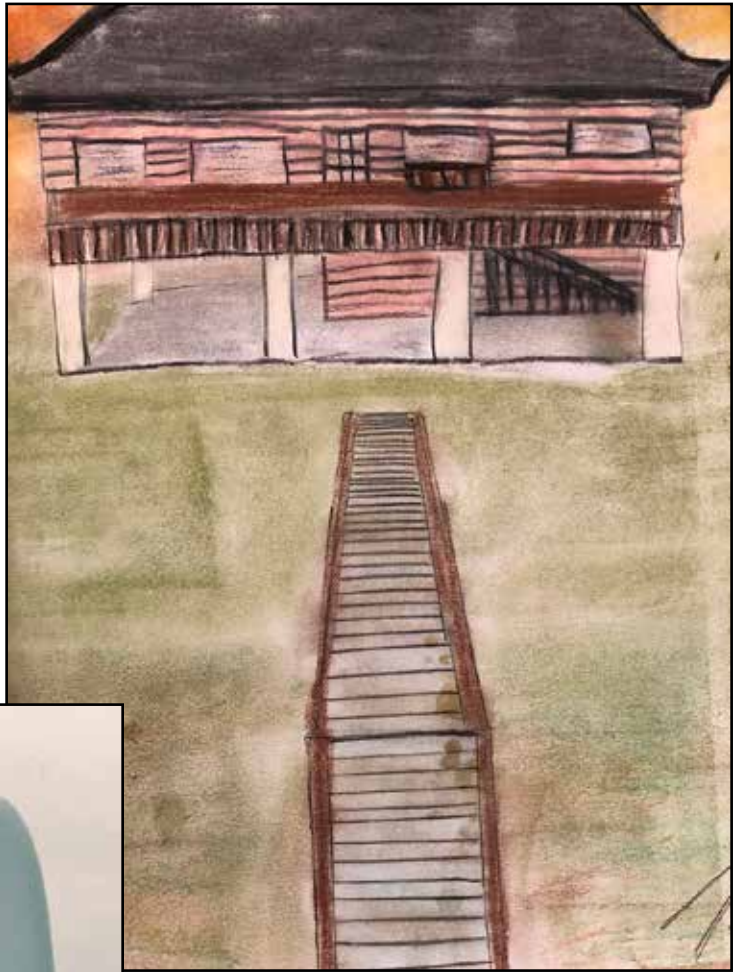
Not a day will go by when we will not miss him. Matthew you leave behind so many people that love you.













nce, Katie Barnett, and Samantha Briggs light smile.

Left, Mary Broussard and escort Levi Culver smile at the crowd.

Right, Matt Beath and Laura Duncan give a big thumbs up.

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Matt and Will Beath. Twins growing up next door to twins, and all in the same class. They shared their lives with Karen and David Fennell, the kids next door. This may never be repeated. So we're glad we got to see it the first time. We watched them start kindergarten together and finish as graduates walking across the Montagne Center stage. We laughed with them (a lot), and sometimes when they couldn't see, we cried with them.



They shared so much. The Killarney neighborhood, trips together in various groupings, parties at the Beath house, soccer, baseball, school dances, track, football games, ski trips, the beach house, the prom, and even school work (imagine that).

At one point they all were one soccer team, but it didn't last. At one point they all ran junior high track together, but that didn't last either. Matt took Karen to a freshman dance, but they



were too much like twins. On the other hand, each so unique. By senior year most people finally figured out that Matt's brother actually a twin. In the case of Karen and David, some still may not know!

The Beath twins are off to different cities, the Fennell twins off to the same. But move on they will. We'll always remember that they were



here and that they gave so much of themselves to others, to make them laugh, to lend an ear, to be their friend.

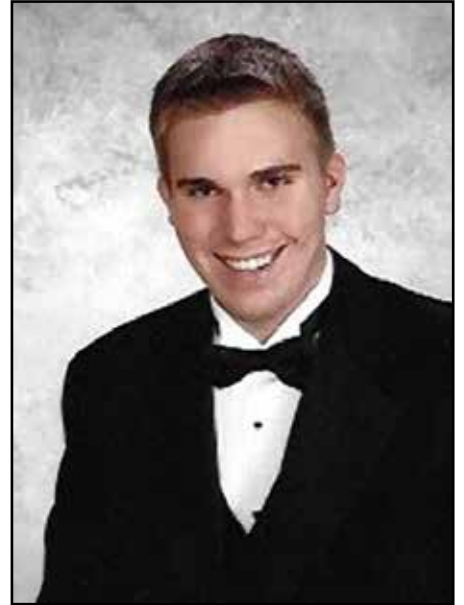
Thanks for having us in your world. We'll miss you all. There's a street in Beaumont that will be quiet from now on - at least until you come back to visit.

Best
Wishes for
the Future!



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the Future!
John and Debbie
Beath,
and all the gang
on Killarney
Street!







Hopefully in my life I'll get to do all of the following, but the only way I can do so is just go with the flow and not get put down. I always tell myself I can't go through life without asking, but I can always go through life by answering.

Interment

Magnolia Springs Cemetery
Kirbyville, Texas

Memorial Contributions

The Humane Society of Southeast Texas
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Please sign Mr. Beath's guest book and share your memories at broussards1889.com