



Matthew Mischakoff

April 24, 1946 - January 24, 2013

A diagnosis of early onset Alzheimer's silenced the musical world of a modern day Renaissance man on January 24, 2013. The youngest child of Mischa and Hortense Mischakoff, Matthew Mischakoff was born in New York, New York on April 24, 1946. From birth, he was surrounded by the musical talents and influence of his parents and their friends. By the age of 16, he was teaching and sharing his love of the classical guitar and violin. Matthew earned his undergraduate degree in 1968 and his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1972, both from the University of Michigan. Dr. Mischakoff practiced caring and gentle dentistry in Clinton, Michigan for twenty years. His love of architecture led him to pursue another career in 1993, this time in real estate. During the next twelve years, with his family, he transformed more than 40 houses from disrepair to renewed, welcoming homes. At the same time, he extended his expertise and guidance in aiding additional families in their own relocations, treating each as a good friend in the process. Matthew was married to Sharon (Burkhardt) McGill in 1989 and she survives. Matthew was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Paul. He is survived by his sister Anne Mischakoff (William) Heiles. He is also survived by his daughter Marah Mischakoff, her husband Patrick Avallone and their children Caleb and Nolan; sons by marriage Derek (Julie McGurrin) McGill and Sean (Michael Cunningham) McGill; grandchildren by marriage Jared and Natalie McGill; and his heart was bound in step-parenting additionally in his lifetime to Amy (Ben-Mier) Brinkman as well as John, Eric and Barbara Needham. Matthew loved children as much as he loved music and in the later years shared great joy and affection for all the children in their family's home day care. The family is grateful for the excellent care provided to Matthew by the entire staff of the Gilbert Residence in Ypsilanti and the Arbor Hospice team. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home of Saline. The family will host a celebration of Matthew's life, smile and humor at the Gilbert Residence, 203 South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI, on Sunday, February 17, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. To sign Matthew's guestbook, to leave a memory or for more information please visit <http://www.rbfhsaline.com>.

Comments



“ Matthew was one of my early guitar teachers (I began late in life and continue to study and play avidly). Later, Matt dragged me kicking and screaming back into being a home-owner again when I was single again. He was aided and abetted in this by his sharp, insightful, and charismatic wife, Sharon, the jewel in his crown. Matt and Sharon were right, of course. I was deeply impressed by Matt's knowledge of building, his professionalism, and his business savvy. Gentle, unassuming, but razor sharp and absolutely brilliant. Zikhrono le'vracha (May his memory be for a blessing.)

Lawrence Siden - June 19, 2013 at 10:30 AM



“ Dear Sharon and Family,

Our deepest sympathy to all of you with the passing of Matthew. Our family enjoyed many days with all of you at the daycare. Many great memories will help you as the days move forward. Love the Stegengas, Jerry, Laurie, Nicole Strong and Ryan

Laurie Stegenga - February 02, 2013 at 09:39 PM



“ Joy Norris-Hawkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Matthew Mischakoff



Joy Norris-Hawkins - February 01, 2013 at 07:40 AM



“ Leonard Hackett lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mischakoff



Leonard Hackett - January 30, 2013 at 10:44 PM



“ Dear Sharon and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Pam, Ashley and Amber
The Drake's



Pamela Drake - January 28, 2013 at 09:57 AM



“ Dear Sharon and family,

When I first saw Matthew in Grace Hall, I thought he was a volunteer there, rather than a resident. He was busy assisting other people, and always smiling a loving smile with warm engaging eyes. He loved children and he beamed when he was around them. . My children loved playing balloon toss with him. We enjoyed his violin serenades as well. The brief time we knew Matthew was enough to leave a lasting memory in our hearts.

Mike Delduca - January 27, 2013 at 10:42 PM



“ Matthew was always a kind and gentle man who cared deeply about people. A wonderful memory is the first visit from his mother and father after our daughter, Marah, was born. Matthew got his beautiful guitar and played lovely pieces for our newborn daughter with us all listening to the tender sounds he produced for her.

Genie Hollander - January 27, 2013 at 10:29 AM



“ Genie Hollander lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mischakoff



Genie Hollander - January 27, 2013 at 10:13 AM



“ Patrick Avallone lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mischakoff



Patrick Avallone - January 25, 2013 at 05:40 PM



“ Joan Schindler lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mischakoff



Joan Schindler - January 25, 2013 at 04:31 PM



“ He was a wonderful man, husband, father and stepfather. Talented and kind, thoughts and prayers with all of you.

kat foley - January 25, 2013 at 03:16 PM



“ Carole A. Zakrzewski lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mischakoff



Carole A. Zakrzewski - January 25, 2013 at 12:18 PM



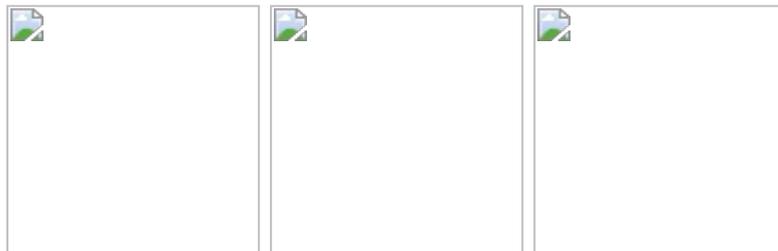
“ Dear Sharon and Family, Matthew will be always remembered by me as such a sweet, kind, gentle man. Besides taking guitar lessons from him for quite a few years, we enjoyed going to hear him play his guitar at the "Brunch With Bach" series in Detroit. He could make even the most nervous performer feel relaxed with his easy going manner but yet he would let you know when you were not doing something right.

He will be missed by so many.

Carole A. Zakrzewski - January 25, 2013 at 12:15 PM



“ 8 files added to the album New Album Name



Mike Galos - January 24, 2013 at 09:01 PM