



## Peter J. Matson

March 20, 1975 - December 11, 2022

TOWNSEND: Peter J. Matson, 47, of Townsend died unexpectedly Sunday, December 11, 2022 at his home.

Peter was born in Fitchburg, March 20, 1975, the son of the Linda J. (Oja) Matson and the late Peter A. Matson and was a lifelong Townsend resident.

He was a 1993 graduate of North Middlesex Regional High School in Townsend where he played basketball and ran cross country track. He continued his education at University of Massachusetts – Amherst where, in 1997, he received a bachelors degree in Biology.

While attending UMass he played Rugby and was an avid fisherman.

In addition to his mother of Townsend, Peter leaves his son, Jaxon A. Matson of Townsend; his sister and brother in law, Caroline R. and Marty Drummond of Ashby; several aunts and uncles including David & Cheryl Oja of Greenville, NH, Daniel and Sandra Oja of Falmouth, Jonathan Matson of Beaver, Utah, Tim & Linda Matson and Stephen Matson of all of Fitchburg, Susana nd David Tate of Leominster and David Matson of Myrtle Beach, SC as well as his two nieces, Megan J. Drummond and Heather E. Drummond.

A graveside service will be held 11 AM Monday, December 19, 2022 at

Riverside Cemetery, Dudley Road, West Townsend.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend Center is assisting the family with arrangements. For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside

Dudley Road  
West Townsend, MA 01474

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Riverside  
Dudley Road  
West Townsend, MA 01474

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ Linda, Jax, Caroline and family, so sorry about PJ. Every Christmas he always greeted me with a big smile and a huge hug. He was the Santa Claus out of costume. Kathy

Kath Allen - September 24, 2023 at 04:11 PM

DA

“ Pete was my roommate and Rugby teammate at UMass. We used to have deep real conversations about life, . I was always glad he was on my side during a fight lol. Always happy go lucky and made everything look easy. My mother adored him. I was just trying to contact him in December on FB. It's crazy I was hoping to reunite and see how life treated us. I'm a better man for meeting Pete. See you on the other side brother!

Dan Armbruster - September 04, 2023 at 06:08 PM

JM

“ I wish I got to know more about you.

Jaxon Matson - December 27, 2022 at 02:55 PM

CL

“ Cheryl A LaPointe lit a candle in memory of Peter J. Matson



Cheryl A LaPointe - December 16, 2022 at 09:05 PM

MA

“ My son Anthony loved Pete . I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Al the guys having the can you race is in the spring. And how much they all enjoyed those. He was such a great outdoorsman. He'll be so missed

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**Meridith Ammendolia** - December 15, 2022 at 12:11 PM

AP

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. I share your grief, but also share in the love and memories of Pete. Rest in peace buddy, thanks for always having my back and making me laugh. Love, Apie (April)

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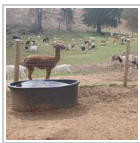
**April** - December 15, 2022 at 11:07 AM

MP

“ One of my closest friends in high school, we would spend our time hunting & fishing or camping on the weekends or after school. Pete was the best! Too soon brother !!!!! You will be missed. Grateful to have made peace.  
Matthew Porter

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**Matthew Porter** - December 14, 2022 at 11:37 PM



“ Very tragic and unexpected, the death of this young man. Pete installed some windows for me only a few months back and was a real gentleman. After that he asked again for more work even though he was in pain with his sore lower back. I will never forget his smile and willingness to help out. Sorry for the loss.

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**Daniel Monroe** - December 14, 2022 at 10:24 PM

DA

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**Dan Armbruster** - September 04, 2023 at 06:05 PM

RE

*“ Such a tragic loss! The worlds not the same without Pete. So many great times in high school and at Umass. We shared a basement bedroom at an off campus party house and had the time of our lives. He was absolutely one of a kind. I'm glad he was always on my side! You will be forever missed and never forgotten PJ! Nothing but love brother*

**Ryan Emery** - December 14, 2022 at 04:51 AM

LM

*“ My deepest sympathies Linda on the loss of your son. Love and Hugs xoxo from Linda (Boyd) McKeen*

**Linda Boyd McKeen** - December 14, 2022 at 01:16 AM

JP

*“ Something I will remember about Pete. Shortly after college we had a big party out at my grandparents lake house. It was a little too big, the band was a little too loud... the local police showed up looking for me. Pete jumped in front of me and others and handled the situation- no idea what was said, but he took care of it. No one in trouble. No one trying to drive home. I'll remember him like that— if you were his friend... he had your back. RIP brother*

**Jason Panella** - December 13, 2022 at 09:17 PM

DS

“ Linda, So sorry to hear about Peter. My thoughts are with you.

Deb Shattuck - December 13, 2022 at 09:12 PM

LL

“ Sat next to Pete in class for pretty much my whole school won alphabetical order was an expectation and he always gave me a huge smile every day. So sorry to hear. Keeping the family in my thoughts.

Lori LoDuca - December 13, 2022 at 08:24 PM

JC

“ Big Pete Matson, one of the toughest kids I knew!!! RIP brother!!!!  
Josh Carney

josh carney - December 13, 2022 at 08:07 PM

AF

“ Pete was the first to welcome my sister and I to our new home in Townsend. He was a great neighbor and friend! I always looked forward to seeing him! I will miss you Pete!  
Linda and family, I am so very sorry for your loss  
Andrea Fontaine

Andrea Fontaine - December 13, 2022 at 04:54 PM

CK

“ Linda, I am so sorry to hear of your new loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Jax .  
Carol Wright Kilbourn

Carol Wright Kilbourn - December 13, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Peter J. Matson.*



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December 13, 2022 at 11:59 AM



“ *Pete was my absolute best friend growing up in Townsend. I love you Pete. I'm so sorry for your loss. What a tragedy. From Seymour Ceike*

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**Seymour Ceike** - December 13, 2022 at 11:04 AM



*Dear Linda I just read about your son I never met him but but he would been my second cousin through your mom was my dad sister Alice love you alot rose Allen*

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**Rose Allen** - December 17, 2022 at 03:26 AM



*Very sorry to hear of your loss Linda. Prayers from First Baptist and peace to your family*

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**Joe Bell** - December 19, 2022 at 09:27 AM