



## Matthew James Steadman

September 20, 1988 - October 15, 2022

Matthew James Steadman, 34 of Elyria, entered into heaven on October 15, 2022. He was the son of Lisa and James Steadman, who, sadly, passed away on the same day.

Matthew was born on September 20, 1988 in Winter Garden, Florida. At age five, he and his parents relocated to Elyria to pursue treatment for his autism.

Matthew was a sweet and loving person, a sort of gentle giant. Years ago, his Grandfather John was a pharmacist at a Wisconsin state-run facility where such folks resided. He called them "living saints." And that is what Matt was. He shared a birthday with his Aunt Mary C., always greeting her with, "Hi, my twin!!" She felt it an honor having his birthday coincide with hers.

For a number of years during the week, Matt attended a special-needs workshop in Elyria, providing social interaction, while giving mom a chance to tend the house and relax just a little. Caring for a special needs child right into adulthood was a tremendous responsibility for which Lisa and Jim deserved much credit. Despite his autism, Matt prayed nightly for all of his relatives, making sure to list everyone by name. He enjoyed singing and was a big fan of Martina McBride, whom he got to meet backstage once--a thrill for him and his parents!

Matthew leaves his "Grandfather John" Buchignani, aunts and uncles, Paul, John, Tom and Gina Buchignani, Mary (James) Reineck, Peter (Peggy) Buchignani, Toni (Richard) Fleming, Patrick (Anita) Buchignani, Daniel (Connie) Buchignani and 15 first cousins.

A Funeral Mass will be held Monday October 31, 2022 at 10:00 am at St. Agnes Church, 611 Lake Ave, Elyria. The Rev Charles Diedrick will preside. Burial will follow Calvary Cemetery in Lorain.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

555 N Ridge Rd  
Lorain, OH 44053  
<https://clecem.org/Cemeteries/CalvaryLorain.aspx>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church  
611 Lake Ave  
Elyria, OH 44035  
<https://www.saintagneselyria.church>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Matt, you lit up my classroom for four years at EHS! It was an honor to escort you during graduation in 2009. Enjoy Free-for-all Fridays everyday!

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**Jennifer M Connors** - November 01, 2022 at 09:56 AM

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“ The family of Lisa and Matthew have started a go-fund-me to assist with the funeral arrangements: <https://gofund.me/8ed112c1>

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**Anita Buchignani** - October 28, 2022 at 05:14 PM