



## Rev. Matthew Jr. Warfield

May 24, 1989 - January 8, 2022

Rev. Matthew J. Warfield Jr., passed away on Saturday, January 8, 2022. To view Matthew's service, please visit <https://vimeo.com/665736841>. Or on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/LangelandSterenberFuneralHome/videos/1788669987993429> From the moment Matthew appeared on life's stage his smile could melt ice. His faith was cultivated in his home with his parents and his adoring siblings who brought him to Maple Avenue RCA and CRC at a young age. He loved with zeal and depth evident in his commitment to his beloved Lakers, his "Boyship" who kept him grounded, several nieces, nephews, aunties, uncles and everyone who was blessed to be swept up in his embrace. Today he stands in the presence of his Lord, his "only comfort in Life and Death." He is survived by his parents, Matthew Sr. and Rita Warfield; siblings, Matthew Devere Warfield, Artesia Warfield, Rakendra (Gregory) Davis, Reneisha (Darnelle) Powell, Samantha (Christopher) Kirk; God-siblings, Talisha Smith, Carissa (Eddie) Hardy, Eboni (Christopher) Slater; and 16 nieces and nephews. Visitation is Noon – 2:00 pm on Monday, January 17, 2022, in Ren's Café of Ridge Point Community Church, 340 104th Ave. Holland, MI 49423. Please use Drive 2 - Entrance Door E by the circle drive. The family asks that masks be required at both the visitation and funeral services. Thank you. Funeral services are the same day at 2:00 pm at Ridge Point Community Church with Rev. Dr. Denise Kingdom-Grier officiating. Memorial contributions in Matthew's honor may be given online at [www.mapleave.org/giving](http://www.mapleave.org/giving) and choose "Matthew J. Warfield Legacy Fund". Burial to take

place in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. [www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Matthew Jr. Warfield*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - January 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rev. Matthew Jr. Warfield*

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August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Matt was my first Kid's Hope student - what a way to start! His huge smile and joyful presence will remain in my heart forever. I am so sad for the family's loss and also the loss to our world. I'll see you in heaven, Matt, waiting for your big smile and hug."*

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**Ruth Dreyer** - January 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I remember when Matt told me that he wanted to be a pastor. He was not quite a teen-ager yet. I praised God when he was ordained. Matt had reached his goal. Only God knows the full impact of Matt's life on the lives of others now and in the years to come. Family, may the God of compassion, give you comfort. Love you."*

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**Marilyn Stewart** - January 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TB

“I was Matt’s professor at WTS. I wanted you to know how much I loved and appreciated him. May the Spirit of Jesus fill the empty places in our hearts.”

Thomas Boogaart - January 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GW

“You have my sincere condolences in the loss of Matthew. God saw he was getting tired and called him home. Rest assured he is now in his Father's house. May God bring your family comfort during this time. Sorry I can not be with you. I'm praying for all if you.”

Gilda Jean J Wilson - January 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ME

“Matt, you were such a good friend to me. You clearly impacted so many people and it's easy to know why. Your heart was open to everyone. I will miss you. It's so sad to think that I won't see you for a while, but I do know I will see you again.”

Merla - January 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“As a member of First Presbyterian Church, I only met Rev. Matthew in person once, at the All Saints service in November. I will never forget the warmth of his energy during that first meeting. Despite wearing masks, I could see his smile. I hold space to honor his life and grieve the loss many who knew him much better than I, are experiencing at this time. I pray he is resting in peace.”

Tara Shantz - January 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SH

“I enjoyed supporting his Ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor. He displayed so much potential. His smile was infectious and could make you smile on a bad day. Sing with the angels.”

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**Sandy Herold** - January 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KP

“As the mother of two sons, I was immediately drawn to Matthew when I first met him, soon after he joined First Pres as a Resident Pastor in Ann Arbor. He had a smile that wouldn't quit. Our older son is an avid U of M football fan, and has had football tickets for several years, but doesn't live in Ann Arbor, so often has them to share. When he heard that Matthew was new to Ann Arbor and had never seen a Michigan game, we offered him the four tickets. That was the beginning of our wonderful but way too short friendship! Our family, along with so many more at First Pres, can't believe that the light he shared has gone out in our church, but we know he has left so much love, grace and caring for us to also share! We pray for his family and dear friends who are mourning this great loss, but he will forever be in our thoughts as an amazing witness to Christ's love for all people!”

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**Katie Parker** - January 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RH

“Rita, Matt Sr., Sam and family ~ Sending our love and sympathy to you and your extended loved ones in the loss of Matt! Our hearts and prayers go out to all of you. Sometimes words are just not enough. Embracing you with our hearts, souls and minds. All of you are precious in God's sight and in our hearts. God go with you in the days ahead.”

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**Rachel Ver Hoef** - January 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TP

“*"Sending my condolences and prayers for the family at this difficult time"*

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**Traci Powell** - January 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“*"My condolences and prayers to the family during this transitional season."*

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**A** - January 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“*"He was a pre-teen when I met him. I called him "Warfelt". I am heartbroken that he's not with us anymore. But I am rich for having known him and it was a privilege to see him grow up. To become a man A Godly man who loved others. I'll forever remember him and cherish those memories"*

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**Timothy Schut** - January 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MP

“*"Heaven has definitely gained an angel. I met Matthew at Van Raalte School when he was student there. His smile and personality, and sense of humor lit up a room. My condolences to his family. May God bless and comfort you as you face the next few weeks adjusting to his absence."*

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**Marita Ruiz Perry** - January 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SP

“Yes. Matthew's smile could melt ice. He had such an eagerness and thirst for learning. I knew Matthew in my librarian role at VanRaalte Elementary School. I am grateful I was able to view his joyful ordination service online last summer. He leaves a huge hole in our hearts. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.”

Sandra Peterson - January 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MM

“We at First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor will miss that radiant smile and exuberance for life that was Matthew. I fondly remember hearing him singing in his office as I sat at the Welcome desk at church. We mourn the loss of this promising young pastor as heaven welcomes him to choruses of angels.”

Merry Muilenberg - January 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

YO

“I remember you as a young boy hanging out my nephew Justin Greathouse. You were always happy and smiling. You will be greatly missed Matt . My sincere condolences to family and friends. Praying for the strength, comfort, and peace of God to wrap around each of you during this difficult time .”

Yolanda - January 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“I never saw Matt without a basketball in his hand or a smile on his face. My deepest condolences Rita, Matthew and family. Love, Nurse Ann”

V - January 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PF

“Peace and Comfort, Dear Friend”

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**Paula Fabiano** - January 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EM

“Matthew, I will forever remember your radiant presence as your colleague and friend. Although I only knew you for a brief period in time, and your beloved Lakers are rivals to my Warriors, all is forgiven. You made a profound impact on my life and the lives of our youth, families and others in our First Pres Ann Arbor community. No one can ever fill the big shoes you leave behind, but we will follow in your footsteps by smiling a little broader, laughing a little louder, and bringing a little more joy into this world... just as you did. Blessings, Brother, to you and yours. Evans”

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**Evans McGowan** - January 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM