



MATTHEW BRANNON BLACKWELL

August 18, 1983 - December 29, 2024

Matthew Brannon Blackwell passed away unexpectedly at his home in Liverpool, New York on December 29, 2024, at the age of 41.

He was born in Montgomery, Alabama on August 18, 1983. After graduating high school in Washington state, Matthew proudly served in the United States Army from 2005 until 2017, receiving the rank of Staff Sergeant. His military career took him to various parts of the world, including tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan as a UAV operator, earning numerous commendations. Following his military service, Matthew became a drone pilot for Causey Aviation Unmanned in Syracuse, New York. He was also continuing his education at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where he was recognized as an exemplary student exceeding criteria for membership in the National Society of Leadership and Success.

In his spare time, Matthew enjoyed fishing, woodworking, hiking, camping, grilling, and watching sports, especially his beloved University of Alabama football team and the Seattle Mariners baseball team. His love for sports was only surpassed by his love for his three children.

Matthew was survived by his children, Brannon, Cole, and Kylie; his parents, Shari Wheeler

(Jim) and Gary Blackwell (Angie); grandmother, Sherry Cumbee (Nana); his siblings, Macy Blackwell Graben (Clay), Mandy Jones Johnson (Adrian), and Spencer Wheeler; as well as many other family members, Army brothers, and friends.

Predeceased family members include his grandparents, Joseph Fuller (Papaw), Joyce Fuller (Nana), John Blackwell (Granddaddy), Freddie Blackwell (Grandma), and Robert Cumbee (Big B), as well as Drake Blackwell (Uncle), Cathy Chessher (Aunt), and Kay Markham (Aunt).

Family and friends may call from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Sunday, January 5th at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, 2601 Milton Avenue, with a Memorial Service immediately following. Matthew's quick wit and amazing smile will be forever missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Matthew's memory to Wounded Warrior Project at <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>.

Please share online memories and tributes at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME
2601 Milton Avenue
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of
MATTHEW BRANNON BLACKWELL*



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“ *Matt was a great Soldier, leader, and Non-Commissioned Officer.
He was a straight shooter who was serious when he needed to be,
but also knew how to have fun. People loved working with him for
obvious reasons. He was one of the biggest Alabama fans I know!
Matt, you will be forever missed. See you on the other side brother.
Climb to Glory!*

- Steve Lim

Steve Lim - January 06, 2025 at 03:31 PM



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“ *My heart is completely saddened by this loss. Matthew Blackwell was an outstanding Soldier, father, and very dear friend. I am a better man for having known him. My sincerest condolences to his entire family. He is greatly missed. Til Valhalla my Brother.*
-Corey M. Lefebvre (Chief)



Corey Lefebvre - January 02, 2025 at 09:17 PM



Matt was a loving dad. His happiest times were times he spent with his kids. I am so saddened to know that they won't have him in their lives. He will be greatly missed by all of his family. May God bring peace to them.

Lynn Sheaffer - January 04, 2025 at 09:13 PM

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“ Words cannot explain how shocked and devastated we are. I will never forget the bond we created during our time in 10th Mountain and the friendship that we built over 20 years. You made me a better person, a better Soldier, and a stronger leader. You are truly my "Brother from another Mother" and I will miss your "Roll Tide" text every time Alabama beat Auburn.

- Terry and Susan Woods

Terry and Susan Woods - January 02, 2025 at 04:12 PM