



## Matthew Jespersen

August 6, 1985 - November 2, 2016

Matthew Ryan Jespersen, 31, of Pleasant Grove, passed away on November 2, 2016. Matthew was born on August 6, 1985, in American Fork, Utah, to Hank and Tina (Flegal) Jespersen.

Matthew was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and fulfilled a mission for the Church. As a youth he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. He then graduated from Pleasant Grove High School in 2003. Matthew went on to attend Utah Valley University pursuing a degree in the IT field and was passionate about all things related to computers. Exploring new foods in the kitchen was one of his passions; his onion rings were a family favorite. He loved all animals, especially cats.

Though he could not find peace here, he will be remembered for his gentle heart. He cared deeply for those that he loved and was kind and selfless to a fault. He carried with him quiet strength and intelligence. At his best, he was full of joy and quick to share a smile and laugh. It is impossible to do him justice with one story or anecdote; he was an experience.

He is survived by his parents, Hank and Tina Jespersen; his twin sister, Erica (Ricky) Tavares; his older sister, Becka (Bryn) Elton; younger siblings Mickell (Tyler) Summerhays and Ethan; four nieces and a nephew who adore him. He leaves his maternal grandparents, Clarence and Elizabeth Flegal, and his fraternal grandmother, Florence Jespersen. He also leaves behind many other loving family and friends, including his lifelong friend Teddy Haslam. He is preceded in death by his fraternal grandfather, Neil Jespersen.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, November 12th, at 12:00 Noon, at the Pleasant Grove 1st Ward, 275 East 500 South, Pleasant Grove, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Interment in Pleasant Grove City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, consider donating to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## Pleasant Grove City Cemetery

600 North 100 West  
Pleasant Grove, UT, 84062

# Events

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**NOV 12** **Viewing** 10:00AM - 11:30AM

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**NOV 12** **Funeral Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Matt and I spent a lot of time playing video games together, and I looked forward to the time we spent together every day. He was a unique and hilarious person to be around, he was the kind of person you want to keep in your life. His sarcasm was delivered expertly, and he unfailingly made me laugh anytime we were doing anything together, whether it was something trivial or not. He was the kind of person you meet and instantly wish you'd known long before, because he could enrich your life with laughter and joy. Hearing his voice was one of the best parts of any day for me, because i knew hilarity would ensue. I am so sorry and sad that a person like him is gone, he was a person that truly made this world better for knowing him, he definitely made mine better and more bearable one. I miss him terribly and the pain of knowing the someone so spectacular and sometimes spectacularly ridiculous is gone from this world is devastating. To his family and friends I am so sorry for your loss and I am thinking of you all. I hope to keep his sense of humor in my heart and to try to bring as much laughter to other's lives as he brought to mine. He was an unforgettable friend and person.

**Leanne Winterrowd** - November 11, 2016 at 12:01 PM

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“ I knew Matt as "Potato" and he was one of a kind. Sweet, generous of spirit and deeply kind. He was also absolutely hilarious with a bone dry wit and perfect timing. Matt was thoughtful and sensitive- never failing to bring lightness and warmth to the darkest corners of any day. He was the best kind of friend a person could have- the constant kind. The selfless kind. I'm handicapped by my vocabulary to explain my sadness in loosing him. My heart goes out to you all- his family and friends. Your heartache and grief must be immeasurable and you are in my thoughts and prayers. I encourage all who knew him to speak about him as often as you can. Tell the stories. Laugh the way he would and the way he would make you. For me, his laugh and infectiously sweet nature will remain with me always.

**Rin McKenna** - November 10, 2016 at 08:24 PM

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“ Matt was one of the nicest and funniest people I have ever met! I was friends with him in high school and through work and he was always that consistent friend who you could always count on for a laugh. It breaks my heart that he didn't have peace here, but I know he is with God now. I can't wait to see him again!

**Ben Wilkey** - November 06, 2016 at 08:46 PM

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“ I went to school with Matt and worked at water gardens with him as well. I remember being very excited to work with him at the theater because that meant work would be an absolute blast! I remember laughing hysterically on numerous occasions because of the things he did. I will miss him terribly but look forward to the day I will see him again.

**Tyrel Salisbury** - November 06, 2016 at 03:47 PM

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“ Matthew, or Petie, as my family called him, was one of my most favorite cousins. He was so funny and made me laugh endlessly when we were together. He was so patient with my obnoxious personality and always helped to make me feel included. He, along with his twin, Erica, taught me a great deal of kindness, adventure, and love.  
I will always think of him fondly.  
You were and are still very much loved by your family and friends, Petie!



**Suzanna Craigg** - November 06, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“ That is so sweet Suzanna. Thank you.

**Becka Elton** - November 06, 2016 at 03:22 PM



“ I just wish there was something I could do to ease everyone's heartache.

**Suzanna** - November 06, 2016 at 08:58 PM