



## Matthew Anthony Reyes

May 12, 1953 - September 28, 2024

Matthew "Popo" Reyes III, age 71, passed away on September 28, 2024. Born on May 12, 1953, in Kansas City, Kansas, he was the beloved son of Matthew and Sally Reyes.

A proud graduate of Rosedale High School, Class of 1972, Matthew dedicated 33 years of his life to the United States Postal Service, serving at the Westport branch until his retirement in 2015. Following his retirement, he found joy in working as a school bus monitor for the Shawnee Mission School District for four years.

Matthew married his best friend, Amelia Castilleja, on September 9, 1973, sharing a loving partnership that spanned over five decades. A passionate Kansas City Chiefs fan, he never missed a game and proudly referred to himself as "Chief Mateo." His family affectionately called him "The Drifter," a nod to his adventurous spirit.

An avid enthusiast of low riders, Matthew owned many cars throughout his life and co-founded the car club, The Soul Survivors, with his brothers in the early 1980s, a community that remains active today.

Matthew is preceded in death by his parents, Matthew G. Reyes and Sally Meunier. He is survived by his sons, Matthew Reyes IV and Ruben Reyes; his

grandchildren, Alicia Reyes and Ruben Reyes II; his siblings, Sally Bialek, Rose Hernandez (Victor), Mary Drake (Wallace), Mark Reyes (Francis), Martin Reyes (Juanita), J.C. Reyes (Rita), and Jimmy Reyes (Roberta); as well as many cherished nieces, nephews, and friends.

Matthew "Popo" Reyes III will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy of love, laughter, and passion will continue to inspire those left behind.

Dear Lord,

Give us the grace to live as one in work and play in faith and fun united in you and following your way placing our hearts in your hands each day.

Amen

Matthew 7:7 Ask and it shall be given to you seek and ye shall find knock and it shall be opened unto you.

A memorial visitation will take place on Friday, October 11, 2024, from 5:00-8:00 P.M. at Maple Hill Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **11**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew Anthony Reyes*



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**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - October 11, 2024 at 08:16 PM

TE

“ *I was shocked to hear about Matt. Janice had given me his number years ago and so I'm glad we were able to talk and laugh back and forth for the last 4-5 years off and on. I had planned to get together one of these days when I made it back to the KC area. I'm really sad for the family's loss. RIP Matt. Your last breath on earth was your first breath in Heaven. Theresa McCormick (Ellis)*

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**Theresa Ellis** - October 19, 2024 at 10:19 AM



“ *143 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - October 11, 2024 at 04:08 PM

JM

“ Love n prayers 🙏✝️



Janice McCormick - October 11, 2024 at 02:23 PM

JM

“ Prayers n condolences to all Reyes family. We have sooo many good memories of Matt & his siblings living next door to us. Growing up together, going to same church, school n playing in the neighborhood. We pray he has peace & comfort now and will miss Matt in his kindness n comedy. He WILL be watching from above 💖🙏❤️ RIP MATT 🙏✝️🙏🌺



Janice McCormick - October 11, 2024 at 02:20 PM

VE

“ You were the sweetest uncle ever! So kind and loving and always encouraging 💔 every time I saw you you were say “hey Mija you’re still so beautiful” that’s why I started calling you my “handsome uncle”! The world lost one of its brightest lights! Until we meet again my handsome uncle...

Vanita Pacheco Ellis - October 11, 2024 at 01:52 PM

SR

“ Matthew you were a kind sweet friend 💞 miss your msgs. You were caring & loving I still can't believe your gone. I will treasure our friendship 💛💛🕶️ My Lowrider man 💜 R.I.P 🥹

San Jaunita Reyes - October 11, 2024 at 06:42 AM

SB

“ Rose and family, we will keep you all in our prayers and thoughts during this time in your lives. We care and ❤️ you always, the Rocha and Becerra families.



Susie Becerra - October 08, 2024 at 05:17 PM

MP

Brother in love there will never be another one like you. Thanks for helping our young men become better men today. You were always there safe haven and no matter the problem you never judged them. FLY HIGH WITH THE ANGELS AND ALWAYS RIDE LOW. See you when I see you. We love you and will forever be in our hearts Love Sis and Brother Larry and Monica Pacheco

Monica Pacheco - October 11, 2024 at 01:42 PM

DP

“ Donna Parrish purchased the Solar Angel Statue to Send as Unique Sympathy Gift Remembrance for the family of Matthew Anthony Reyes.



Donna Parrish - October 08, 2024 at 11:55 AM

DP

“ Donna Parrish planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Anthony Reyes.

Donna Parrish - October 08, 2024 at 11:55 AM

MM

“ Rest in Peace Matthew, Sending Prayers for The Reyes family.



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**Michelle Morales** - October 07, 2024 at 09:30 PM

JR

“ My brother was always there for me, as a brother and a father figure. He taught me a lot throughout life, how to play sports, how to grill some good food. Mostly, how to have fun and not take things so seriously. How to pick a favorite football team, or else I didn't eat - at brother Marks. Lol so I picked the green team. As a small guy, he let me sleep with him in his bed room - because he knew | had nightmares. I will never forget you bro, your legacy will live on. Stay Gold your brother, JC

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**JC Reyes** - October 07, 2024 at 08:53 PM

MR

“ Hi my brother Matt!,, brother,,I sure am missing you, I really don't think it has sunken in,,but I'm remembering all of our times we had together,,I will miss you on our Reyes Brothers weekends,,and every day's in between. You are still my big brother,,love you always and forever,, your brother Mark and sis Frances Reyes,🥺

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**Mark A Reyes** - October 07, 2024 at 06:41 PM

MR

“ *Mark A Reyes lit a candle in memory of  
Matthew Reyes*



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**Mark A Reyes** - October 07, 2024 at 06:33 PM