

## Obituary

Matthew A Navas, 25, of Columbus, GA passed away September 26, 2025.

Matthew was born January 11, 2000 in Ft. Riley, Kansas. He was the son of Scott and Michelle Thompson & Joe and Joann Navas. He was preceded in death by his Maternal grandfather, Danny Hart and nephew Michael Alex Hart.

Survivors include his maternal grandmother, Linda Hart, an uncle, Michael (Gina) Hart. Also an uncle Mark (Susan) Thompson, Cousins Jessica and Josh Thompson. He is also survived by his beloved girlfriend, Makayla Medena.

Matthew graduated from Northside High School and Columbus Technical College. He was employed at Auto Nation Volkswagen, where he built a relationship with his many customers, because they trusted him.

Matthew loved his family. When he met Makayla, he told her he wanted someone like his mother. He loved his Mom so much as she meant the world to him. He didn't just tell her but showed his love and appreciation for her. His father Scott spent so much time with him, teaching him construction, building decks, sheds, fish tanks and engines, mechanics, grilling or hours spent throwing the ball to him as a child. He has mentored him in life, friendship, dependability and as Matthew always knew, Scott had his best interest at heart and would always be there at a moments notice. He knew he was so loved and taken care of and was a priority in his parents lives.

Matthew will be remembered for being a compassionate young man. He was caring, giving, kind and thoughtful. When he saw a need, he acted on it. He never met a stranger. Matthew was known of being a jokester.

*In remembrance of Matthew, Live life as an example of kindness to others, learn understanding toward each other and work hard at anything you do in life. Love everybody with all your heart.*

It is with heavy hearts and profound deep sorrow that the family of Matthew Acevedo Navas share on September 26, 2025, Matthew unexpectedly went home to be with our Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 25. Matthew was born at Fort Riley in Kansas on January 11, 2000 to Michelle Hart and Joseph Acevedo Navas. Matthew a lifelong resident of Columbus, Georgia.

Matthew graduated Class of 2018 from Northside High School, Columbus, Georgia and attended Columbus Technical College. He was a Service Advisor at Auto Nation Volkswagen.

Matthew is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Luz-Elena Acevedo and Joseph T.

Navas; beloved maternal grandfather "papaw" Daniel Hart, cousin Micheal A. Hart; and stepbrother Nicholas Forte'. Matthew is survived by his loving devoted mother Michelle Hart-Thompson and his supportive loving bonus father Scott Thompson of Columbus, Georgia; his beloved nurturing dad Joseph A. Navas and bonus mother JoAnne Navas of Palm Coast, Florida; his step brother Kevin Forte' and wife Maritza of Palm Coast; step sister Niki Thompson of Georgia, maternal grandmother "mimi" Linda Shook-Hart of Hickory, N.C.; paternal step grandmother Traci Stewart of Newport News, V.A. along with 3 neices 4 nephews, numerous cousins aunts and uncles.

*Services In Care Of*

McMullen Funeral Home and Crematory



*In Memory Of*

Matthew Acevedo Navas

January 11, 2000 ~ September 26, 2025

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:*

*He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul:*

*He leadeth me in the paths  
of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for Thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff  
they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house  
of the Lord forever.*

*In Memory Of*

Matthew Acevedo Navas

*Date of Birth*

January 11, 2000

*Entered Into Rest*

September 26, 2025

*Funeral Services*

11:00 AM, Saturday, October 4, 2025

Chapel of Heritage Funeral Service and Crematory

Valdese, North Carolina

*Visitation*

6:00-8:00 PM Tuesday, September 30, 2025

McMullen Funeral Home and Crematory

Columbus, Georgia

*Interment*

Mountain View Cemetery

Rutherford College, North Carolina