



## Matthew James Howard

June 27, 1977 - June 22, 2020

Matthew James Howard was born June 27, 1977 in Sanger California and left us on June 22, 2020 in Clovis California. He is survived by parents Larry and Kaye Howard; daughters Claire and Emma Howard; sisters Jenna Jack and Marci Gisler; brother-in-law Matt Gisler; nieces and nephews Abigail and Quentin Jack, and Luke and Cayson Gisler.

Matthew graduated from Sanger High School in 1995 and Fresno State in 2000, majoring in Civil Engineering. He worked for both the State of California and private engineering firms as a Registered Civil Engineer. His favorite things in life were his two daughters, to whom he passed on his love for music.

Matthew's musical talent and dry sense of humor will be missed by many.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew James Howard*

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September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM

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*I first met Matt when he was 3 days old. I myself had only been on this planet for 148 days at the time of our first meeting. We knew each other longer than we knew our own siblings. We were friends before we even learned how to speak to each other! I only wish that all human beings could experience the level of friendship that Matt and I shared.*

*He was beloved by all who met him. In fact, I don't ever recall meeting a person who didn't like him. He was the type of person people just wanted to be around. He had many friends; I was just blessed and lucky enough to be related to him.*

*He possessed all those characteristics that make for a great person. He was strong, yet compassionate. He was incredibly intelligent and successful at anything he undertook...yet always remained humble and never took himself too seriously. He was musically and athletically gifted. His dry and witty sense of humor was legendary.*

*I always looked up to Matt, for no other reason than the fact that he was a better person than me. He is what I strived to be, and will continue to do so.*

*For almost 43 years Matt and I traveled through this journey of life together. Through childhood, adolescence, adulthood, and even middle age, there was never a time that he was not a part of my life. Now I find myself walking alone, without my brother, and I am devastated. I take solace in the fact that I absolutely know I will see him again. Death may take our physical bodies, but the human spirit, like true love and friendship, is eternal.*

*On behalf of our family, thank you to all who have expressed condolences, reached out to us, or who have just kept his memory*

*alive in the their hearts. Please know that Matt's beautiful spirit lives on and shines through in his daughters, Claire and Emma.*

*Clint Shelton*

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**Clint Shelton** - September 17, 2020 at 10:38 AM

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**Clint Shelton** - September 17, 2020 at 10:29 AM

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“ *I worked with Matt at the State Water Board. He was a highway engineer stuck working on water quality issues. Still, he was a good guy to work with. Great sense of humor and attitude. He was somewhat concerned about his thinning hair. One time he was discussing a project with an employee of the federal EPA. Later he told me that he was bothered by the guy staring at his thinning hair. I told him, "He wasn't looking at your head - he's blind!" And he was. Matt was surprised that he didn't notice that he was conversing with a blind man. But he realized the humor in it. Sorry to hear of his passing, gone too soon.*

*Tim O'Brien*

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**Tim O'Brien** - August 22, 2020 at 01:48 PM

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*Thank you for the memory...*

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**Kaye S Howard** - August 28, 2020 at 12:40 PM

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“ *I played sports with Matt and went to high school with him. He had a great personality and always made people laugh. What I remember the most about Matt was his kindness and ability to treat everyone as a friend.*

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**Jonathan Cusak** - July 28, 2020 at 06:59 PM

KH

*Thank you so much for the memory...*

**Kaye S Howard** - August 28, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ *First and Foremost, my sincere condolences to Larry, Kaye, Jenna and Marci. Claire and Emma, I never had the privilege of meeting you but your Dad was an AMAZING man. Matt and I were friends in High School. There was a group of 5 of us and Matt gave us the name "GRB" for Green River Boys....none of us really knew what it meant but it was a cool name so who cares! We had some really good times together. Matt had a very dry sense of humor and he always made me laugh, I really loved being his friend. I lost touch with Matt after High School, talked to him a few times, but I always think about him.*

*I'll always remember your great laugh Matt, you'll be missed but alive in my thoughts.*

*RIP brother.*

*To the family, I don't live in Sanger anymore, but I'm there seeing family often. I'm at your service; whatever you need.*

*Seth Johnson*

**Seth Johnson** - June 24, 2020 at 10:54 PM

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*Thank you, Seth, for the memories of Matthew.*

**Kaye S Howard** - August 28, 2020 at 12:41 PM