



Matthew Lucien Dierker

April 8, 1981 - November 15, 2014

Matthew Lucien Dierker, 33, passed away on Sat. Nov. 15, 2014 from injuries received while commuting from work on his bicycle and being struck from behind by an automobile in Carbondale, IL. He was born April 8, 1981 at Great Lakes Naval Hospital, was raised in Libertyville and was a 1999 graduate of LHS. He was also a graduate of Southern Illinois University, receiving degrees in Anthropology and Spanish. He was an inventory and purchasing agent for EMAC Inc. in Carbondale and had recently re-enrolled at SIUE pursuing a nursing degree. Matthew was an accomplished string musician, backpacker and multi-sport athlete, enjoying triathlons, distance cycling and marathons. He completed the Dirty Kanza 200 mile cycling event this year and only last week set a PR for the half marathon. Following his accident, he was placed on life support and having always been a kind and helpful soul, his family elected to have his heart and other organs donated so he could be beneficial to others in need.

Surviving are his parents, Charles and Monique (nee Dulphy) Dierker of Libertyville and sister Bernadette Marie Dierker of Scottsdale, AZ.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles and Bernadette (nee Turocy) Dierker of Pittsburgh, PA and Lucien and Marie (nee Ivanow) Dulphy of Labry, France.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 20,

2014 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 29700 N. St. Mary's Road, Libertyville.
Memorial contributions can be made to Doctors without Borders, P.O. Box
5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest
book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family.*

Simone Uehlein Hed - June 29, 2018 at 01:28 PM

CL

“ *Deepest sympathies from my family to yours!*

Charlotte Lytle - June 29, 2018 at 01:28 PM

JA

“ *My daughter posted the accident on Facebook = he was friends of many of her friends from C'dale. A young man who is working on a construction project just left for the visitation and funeral. Matthew had a wide circle of friends here - a testimony to his goodness. As a parent I feel deeply the grief you must be experiencing. I am so sorry for your profound loss - words cannot express.*

Jane Adams - June 29, 2018 at 01:28 PM

KC

“ *Monique,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Karen Chibaro - June 29, 2018 at 01:28 PM

CK

“ *I have never seen so many broken hearts...Matthew has left behind so many loving friends who are bonding together to support each other after losing him. I send my love to the family of such a wonderful man, who has touched so many.*

Curtsy Kenny - June 29, 2018 at 01:28 PM

CH

“ *It was a pleasure to have Matthew visit at our home (Dayna Hartley, Rob Little and me) on occasion. It is difficult to believe that he will never bike in again. My deepest sympathy to your family.*

Charlotte Hartley - June 29, 2018 at 01:28 PM

LO

“ *Monique, Charles and Bernadette, words cannot express the sadness in my heart for each of you, nor can I fully imagine the pain you must be feeling. Matthew was lucky to grow up surrounded by a wonderfully supportive and loving family who appreciated his goals and ambitions. I'm sure he knows just how much you love him now and forever. My thoughts prayers are with you during this extremely difficult time of loss*

Laura O'Malley - April 27, 2018 at 05:45 AM

JN

“ *Matt was an amazing guy, totally selfless and just an all-around wonderful human being. Carbondale, IL will not be the same without him. My condolences go out to his family and his numerous friends.*

JNC - April 27, 2018 at 05:45 AM

DL

“ *I have nothing but fond recollections of Matthew. A solid very positive and confident young man. My deepest sympathy goes out to you in this time of loss.*

David Lowndes - April 27, 2018 at 05:45 AM

LG

“ *I so enjoyed working with Matthew over the past several years. He was such a pleasant sole. May God comfort you all in this time of great sadness and know that Matthew is in heavenly peace.*

Linda Gill - April 27, 2018 at 05:45 AM

BA

“ *Monique - my prayers are with you and your family during this time of great sorrow.*

Beth Anderson - April 27, 2018 at 05:45 AM

CB

“ Matt and I weren't close friends but he was one of those people that made you feel close even if the relationship was distant. He was warm, humble, sweet, kind, and genuine. I learned that about him in the short time I knew him. It was obvious. Matt and I had common friends. We watched some of the World Cup together a couple of years ago. At Tres Hombres, we drank beers and ate peanuts as we watched. Now and again Matt would say something equal parts smart and witty. Even in doing something as mundane as watching a game on TV, he struck me as an insightful and well-rounded - not to mention, hilarious - personality. On a separate occasion, I spent time with him at the Ski Haus. He was in high spirits that night and entertained our group for hours with funny broken Spanish phrases and failed back-bend attempts. He struck me then as charismatic and charming, someone who could entertain a room of people if he decided to. I remember him being described as a serious person and one who was ambitious and disciplined. I saw that side of Matt when I would spot him running laps in the gym and/or zipping through town on his bike, almost daily. The most defined memory I have of Matt is riding my first century ride with him. I went with two of my friends who worked with Matt at EMAC and we happened to run into Matt who then, despite being much faster and stronger than the rest of us, joined our crew and rode the entire 100 miles with us -- sticking it out even when one of us fell into trouble and dragged the ride out to a grueling 12 hours (it would've taken Matt less than half that time). After the ride, one of my friends said to me that I'd 'taken to Matt quickly.' My reply to that was something like, 'how could I not?' He'd made our ride such a pleasure. There were jokes at every turn and he treated our injured comrade with gentleness and care. He became a real inspiration to me after that ride; he was striking and someone you want to be like. An immense loss.

Christina Bovinette - April 27, 2018 at 05:45 AM



“ *Monique, Charles and Bernadette, our deepest condolences and prayers go out to you and your family. Dr. Kyncl's staff, Vickie & Griselle*

April 27, 2018 at 05:45 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss*

Susan Bissing - April 27, 2018 at 05:45 AM



“ *I worked at EMAC with Matt for several years and though we weren't in the same department, we did on occasion ride back into town after work together and talk about our favorite routes. I admired his dedication to cycling and running as well as his involvement in the local music scene--I have pretty good memories of watching Matt play in Autonomy and the Bourbon Knights.*

I will always remember the times spent riding bike with him whether it was riding home from work, going on an EMAC picnic with all our bike-riding coworkers, or that crazy 12-hour century ride last year.

My heart goes out to family and friends.

Wayne Warren - April 27, 2018 at 05:45 AM



“ *At John A. Logan College we knew Matt as a great student and respected his total commitment to bike commuting. Your family has our deepest sympathies.*

Katie Carl - April 27, 2018 at 05:45 AM