



## Mr. Matthew James Gesin

January 10, 2004 - February 22, 2023

Matthew James Gesin, 19, unexpectedly passed away from a brain aneurysm surrounded by loved ones on February 22, 2023. Born January 10, 2004, Matthew is survived by his father, Jonathan D. Gesin, mother, Elizabeth J Nichols (Owen Gilhooley), two siblings, Leah and Jon. He is also survived by his maternal grandparents James and Barbara B. Nichols as well as a loving extended family.

Matthew was a senior at Tully High School and will receive a diploma for the class of 2023. He also worked part-time at the Tully Free Library and The Fairfield Inn. Matthew loved spending time with his siblings and had a special relationship with his grandfather where he would often be running errands around Cortland County having adventures. Matthew loved mapping out road trips to take with his family around New York State while listening to his favorite radio station WINK 106.1 -he loved music! He liked baseball, especially the New York Mets, and enjoyed hiking and swimming.

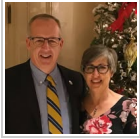
Special thank you to all of the amazing teachers, therapists, support staff, Early Intervention, Racker, OCM BOCES, Cortland, Homer and Tully Schools and our neighborhood friends who watched out for Matthew throughout the years.

At the family's request, there will be no calling hours or funeral service. The

family kindly requests that in lieu of flowers, please donate to the Tully Free Library or racker.org Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y.

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# Tribute Wall



“ We are sorry to hear of Matthew’s passing. He sounds like a wonderful young man.

— Greg & Cathy Sankey

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**Cathy Sankey** - March 16, 2023 at 01:15 PM

MK

“ I am so sorry & incredibly sad to hear about Matthew’s passing. When I think of Matthew I can’t help but smile. Every morning we’d say good morning to each other faithfully...if we didn’t see each other in the lobby he’d catch me upstairs outside of my room. What a warmth he had! I will miss Matthew deeply.

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**Mary Kirk** - March 07, 2023 at 06:01 AM

EN

“ Thank you to all who shared a memory of Matthew with us and offered condolences. These were so wonderful to read and brought us great comfort.

*Matthew Gesin's Family*

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**Elizabeth Nichols** - March 05, 2023 at 12:33 PM

NW

*The Wynn family was so sad to hear of Matthews passing. We have the fondest memories of him from the partnership program at the Racker Center and we will be making a donation in his memory to the partnership program. We will be thinking of Matty and all of his family and wishing you peace during this very difficult time. Nicki, David and Ryder Wynn*

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**Nicki Wynn** - March 08, 2023 at 01:39 PM

KA

“ I started at Tully School this September and Matthew was the first student to say hello and ask me my name. I will forever miss his laugh and the ability to share a joke with him. He truly brightened my day here at the school. He had such a big heart and a huge personality that will be missed by all! So very sorry for your Loss Gesin Family - Miss Dawson

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**Katelyn** - March 02, 2023 at 08:35 AM

RS

“ Our sincere condolences to the Gesin and Nichols families. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all throughout this difficult time.



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**Rob & Mary Spaulding** - March 01, 2023 at 02:03 PM

TV

“ Matthew was a very kind and thoughtful young man who never missed an opportunity to say hello and to ask how I was doing. He had an exceptional talent for making you feel like you were the most important person he would talk to that day. He truly made Tully High School a better place.

*Timothy Villhauer*

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**Timothy A. Villhauer** - February 28, 2023 at 08:06 AM



“ *Matthew truly had a way of making everyone feel special. His smile, his greetings, and his genuine loving spirit helped many of us have a better day at school. He may have never known what a positive impact his life had on those of us who were fortunate enough to know him. Thank you to Matthew for being a bright spot each day for me and the many other staff and students at Tully. You will be missed. My prayers and condolences to Matthew's family and friends.*

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**Jennifer Capria Newton** - February 27, 2023 at 06:13 PM

PD

“ *Matthew's shining light will always be remembered in my heart. He was so very wonderful to work with at Homer Intermediate. Matthew will always be missed and fondly remembered. ❤️*  
*Sincerely, Pattie Delano*

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**Pattie Delano** - February 27, 2023 at 03:41 PM

AP

“ *My "Good morning, Mrs. Pforter" or "hello Mrs. Pforter" was one of the highlights to my day. Matthew was one of the most sweetest, kind, friendly students. I always said the world needs more Matthews. I am going to miss my daily greetings and conversations. My thoughts and prayers go to all his family. Matthew was a very special and will be missed dearly.*

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**Aleisha Pforter** - February 27, 2023 at 02:01 PM

AD

“Good morning Mrs. Dubos!" Good morning Matthew!" Mornings just won't be the same without you. Each day started with a smile and greeting from you and what a wonderful start to each day. Your smile and warm welcome each day is something that truly made a difference in so many lives. My thoughts and prayers are with the Gesin family. What a beautiful soul and smile that will never be forgotten.

*Amie Dubos*

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**Amie Dubos** - February 27, 2023 at 12:57 PM

NZ

“ In my 31 years in education Matthew was the nicest , most pleasant young man I have ever come in contact with. He will be truly missed . My thoughts and Prayers to the family.

*Nick Zupan*

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**Nick Zupan** - February 27, 2023 at 12:14 PM

JJ

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss, this breaks my heart. My deepest condolences go out to Liz, Jonathan, Jon, Leah, the Nichols family and everyone else who loved Matthew. Jeff Jones

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**Jeff Jones** - February 27, 2023 at 12:01 PM

MA

“ Matthew will be forever in my heart. He always greeted everyone by name and had such a sweet and beautiful smile and personality. He was truly a special person, Tully High School will not be the same without him. My deepest condolences to the Gesin family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

*Mónica Abrams*

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**Monica Abrams** - February 27, 2023 at 11:42 AM

SN

“ Matthew will be missed by all of the faculty and staff here at Tully. When his class came to the library, it was always one of my favorite periods of the day. He greeted me every morning as I arrived in school, and he remembered stories I'd shared with his class for months. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Steve Nabinger - February 27, 2023 at 11:31 AM

AE

“ I will never forget the day in the hall when Matthew told me that I was "sunshine in his day." The truth is, he was that for everyone else. Tully will not be the same without him. He left light everywhere he went.

Alissa Elmer - February 27, 2023 at 11:26 AM

EP

“ Our hearts are broken. Matthew grew up next door to us. He was so sweet. What wonderful memories we have of him. We loved him and we will miss him forever.  
Gene and Marilyn Palmer

Eugene and Marilyn Palmer - February 27, 2023 at 10:50 AM

JT

“ Matthew was the favorite part of my day. I would walk past him and greeted with, “Good Morning Mrs. T-Rex.” He was the sweetest, kindest and happiest sunshine of my day as well as so many others. He will be missed by so many who knew him but he will forever be carried in my heart. I am so sorry for such a loss. Matthew’s family: you are all in my sincere thoughts and prayers during this time. I hope that the beautiful memories will help to ease your pain.

Jennifer Trexler (Mrs. T-Rex) - February 27, 2023 at 09:16 AM

RM

“ Matthew was a shining light in the hallways of Tully JSHS. He was much loved and his beautiful smile will forever be treasured, I was met every morning with a beautiful, "Hello Mrs. Shaw" and I will forever remember his charm. Sending all of my love to his family as this special boy will forever be loved and cherished.

Love always,  
Rhiannon McElroy, Ben Shaw (Matthew's former and beloved classmate) and the rest of the McElroy family.

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**Rhiannon McElroy** - February 27, 2023 at 08:39 AM

PS

“ My deepest condolences to Liz and Jonathan and the Nichols family. Matthew sounds like a very spirited and special human. --  
Peter Spaulding

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**Peter Spaulding** - February 27, 2023 at 07:40 AM

EP

Our hearts are broken. Matthew grew up next door to us. Many wonderful memories of him. We loved him very much and we will miss him forever. Gene and Marilyn Palmer

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**Eugene and Marilyn Palmer** - February 27, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ My condolences to Mathews family. He was a fine young man when he was in Barry School. I was surprised he remembered me when I saw him and his dad in Price Chopper not to long ago. God bless you all. Sincerely, Mr. Steve

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**Steven Hulslander** - February 26, 2023 at 06:45 PM

SB

*Matthew made a lifelong impact on my life and I will never forget that sweet, joyful young man. He brightened the office at Tully Junior Senior High School every day! He will be forever missed.*

Susan Ball - February 27, 2023 at 07:24 AM

KQ

*I remember seeing Matthew in the halls of the Homer Intermediate School. Whenever he passed the office he would smile and wave and maybe stop in to say "hello!" He put a smile on everyone's face. Condolences to his whole family. Katie Quinlan*

Kathleen Quinlan - February 27, 2023 at 06:12 PM

LC

*Mathew always explored Barry was young and knew so many in the building. He was a shy guy, but he would remember something about each of us. So sorry for your loss.*

Loretta A card - February 28, 2023 at 03:35 PM

KP

*Liz we were so sorry to hear of Matthew's passing. He was also so polite when he got out of the car at the lake. Matthew always greeted us in a cheerful way. We will sure miss seeing him this summer. Kathy & Steve Pearsall*

Kathy Pearsall - February 28, 2023 at 04:09 PM