



## Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson

August 11, 1984 - February 29, 2024

Former La Plata Town Councilman Matthew Timothy Simpson died on Feb. 29 at his La Plata home. He was 39.

Matthew was born in Washington, D.C., on August 11, 1984, to the late Thomas Raymond Simpson Jr. and Katie O'Malley-Simpson. He lived in Charles County for most of his life.

Matthew served as a La Plata Town Council member from 2017 to 2021. A born leader, Matthew was president of his senior class at York College of Pennsylvania, where he served as swim team captain, was selected as graduation speaker, and graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in political science in 2006.

Before he graduated in 2009 with a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law, Matthew completed several internships, including serving as a law clerk for the Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Technology and Terrorism of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and the Maryland State Attorneys' Association Legislative Committee, reviewing bills, drafting legislative proposals and preparing testimony related to criminal law.

He was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 2010.

His clerkships prepared Matthew for a career as a general practice attorney, and he worked at several law offices from 2009 to 2020 before hanging his own shingle in 2020.

He was self-employed until his death.

Matthew prioritized community service and used his legal skills to benefit La Plata and Charles County. He served on various boards and committees, including the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board, the Conservancy for Charles County and the La Plata Business Association.

Matthew was a volunteer attorney with the Office of the Public Defender in Baltimore. He also volunteered at Wills for Heroes events, providing free wills, advance directives, and powers of attorney to first responders, including police officers, firefighters and paramedics.

Matthew loved politics. He campaigned for numerous Charles County candidates, including his father, who was an associate judge for the Circuit Court of Charles County. In addition to winning a seat on the La Plata Town Council, Matthew was elected to the Charles County Democratic Central Committee in 2006.

A soft spot for cats led Matthew to adopt several homeless pets over the years. Additionally, he enjoyed renovating his ranch-style home, repairing old furniture, and spending time with friends and family.

A loving son, brother, nephew, and uncle, Matthew is survived by his mother and three siblings: Molly Reip (Brian), Megan Donnick (Dan), and Andrew Simpson (Sook Fan). He is also survived by a host of aunts and uncles, and five nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, at Raymond's Funeral Home in La Plata. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Mary's Bryantown Church on Thursday, March 14 at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

The family welcomes memorial contributions in memory of Matthew to the non-profit Help for Pets, 16400 Wilkerson Place, Brandywine, MD 20613.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Bryantown Church Cemetery

13715 Notre Dame Place  
Bryantown, MD 20617

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2920  
[business.office@raymondfuneral.com](mailto:business.office@raymondfuneral.com)  
<https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Visitation

MAR 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2920  
[business.office@raymondfuneral.com](mailto:business.office@raymondfuneral.com)  
<https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Prayers

MAR 13. 6:45 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2920  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Mass

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Bryantown Catholic Church  
13715 Notre Dame Place  
Bryantown, MD 20617

## Burial

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Bryantown Church Cemetery  
13715 Notre Dame Place  
Bryantown, MD 20617

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ We need candidates for good government and Matt(hew) was willing to be a candidate. Davis, Melissa

M Davis - March 13, 2024 at 07:31 PM

KA

“ Kim A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.

Kim A. - March 13, 2024 at 02:47 PM

AH

“ Amy H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.

Amy H. - March 13, 2024 at 10:53 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



March 12, 2024 at 03:01 PM

AS

“ Aunt Sharon & Uncle Shawn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.

Aunt Sharon & Uncle Shawn - March 12, 2024 at 03:01 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



March 12, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ Patty, Ed, Joe, Chris, Teri and Lyndsay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.

**Patty, Ed, Joe, Chris, Teri and Lyndsay** - March 12, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



March 12, 2024 at 11:23 AM



“ HR Stars Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



**HR Stars Family** - March 12, 2024 at 10:10 AM

SG

“ Matt was full of energy and good conversationalist, I remember visiting with him at the Deputy Dog Hot Dog stand at Martins Service center we had some great chats there. I'm very sorry for his passing and will keep his family in my thoughts and prayers

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**Sam Graves** - March 12, 2024 at 08:07 AM

CR

“ Charlie and Lori Reip purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



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**Charlie and Lori Reip** - March 11, 2024 at 10:04 AM

CR

“ Charlie and Lori Reip planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.

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**Charlie and Lori Reip** - March 11, 2024 at 10:04 AM

TH

“ The Hellers - Courtney, Bryan, & Hannah purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



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**The Hellers - Courtney, Bryan, & Hannah** - March 11, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.*



March 10, 2024 at 08:45 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.*



March 10, 2024 at 02:59 PM



“ *Andy, Sook Fan, Preston and Lauren purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.*



**Andy, Sook Fan, Preston and Lauren** - March 10, 2024 at 02:17 PM



“ *The Kan Family (Kim and Hing) Malaysia purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.*



**The Kan Family (Kim and Hing) Malaysia** - March 10, 2024 at 01:48 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.*



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March 08, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ *Ed & Candice Kelly & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.*

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**Ed & Candice Kelly & Family** - March 08, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ *My sympathy to the Simpson family. My the beautiful memories you shared bring you comfort at this difficult time.*



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**Loraine Hennessy** - March 08, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ *We are deeply saddened about Matt's passing. Please accept our heartfelt condolences during this incredibly challenging time. He was a dedicated public servant, caring deeply for the La Plata community. May you find strength in his life and work. David and Diane Jenkins*

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**David Jenkins** - March 07, 2024 at 11:36 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



March 07, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ Jim and Lucy Richmond planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.

**Jim and Lucy Richmond** - March 07, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ The SC Simpsons purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



**The SC Simpsons** - March 07, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



March 07, 2024 at 09:44 AM

TF

“ The Mackey Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.

The Mackey Family - March 07, 2024 at 09:44 AM

RS

“ Rob and Sandy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



Rob and Sandy - March 06, 2024 at 09:26 AM

RS

“ Rob and Sandy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.

Rob and Sandy - March 06, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



March 06, 2024 at 09:09 AM

TP

“ Town of La Plata planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.

Town of La Plata - March 06, 2024 at 09:09 AM

RM

“ My heartfelt condolences. I will keep you and your family in my prayers

Roz Malloy - March 06, 2024 at 06:24 AM

JE

“ Dearest Katie and family, Our heartfelt condolences during this extremely difficult journey. We are so saddened to learn of Matt's passing. May Matt rest in the peace of our Lord. May you find strength going forward. Love, thoughts and prayers, Joyce & Keech



Joyce Edelen - March 05, 2024 at 11:31 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



March 05, 2024 at 08:53 PM

TH

“ The Kindergarten Team From Higdon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.

The Kindergarten Team From Higdon - March 05, 2024 at 08:53 PM

TE

“ 2 files added to the album segway tour guide 2011



Tonia Edwards - March 05, 2024 at 05:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



March 05, 2024 at 03:28 PM

KA

“ Karen Acton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.

Karen Acton - March 05, 2024 at 03:28 PM

GN

“ My condolences to all the family of Matthew.  
My prayers to Katie as I can't imagine the pain of losing a child! May she find peace through faith! I'll always remember Matt as a young boy would greet me with a smile and a hug. He left this world way too soon. So sorry.

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**Greataunt Anna Norris** - March 05, 2024 at 02:35 PM

GA

Anna Norris

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**Greataunt Anna** - March 05, 2024 at 02:41 PM

LC

“ Love, Jenny, George and Connor purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



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**Love, Jenny, George and Connor** - March 05, 2024 at 11:23 AM

LC

“ Love, Jenny, George and Connor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Timothy Simpson.

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**Love, Jenny, George and Connor** - March 05, 2024 at 11:23 AM

BA

“ Bruce and Edna Armstrong purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew "Matt" Timothy Simpson.



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**Bruce and Edna Armstrong** - March 05, 2024 at 10:49 AM