



## Matthew E. Raffety

March 28, 1971 - April 18, 2022

Dateline: Hillsboro, IL

Matthew E. Raffety, 51, died at 10:23 a.m. Monday, April 18, 2022 at his home. Born March 28, 1971 in Alton, he was the son of Lavilla Kay (Smith) Raffety of Alton and the late John E. Raffety. Matthew worked for FAYCO Enterprises in Hillsboro. Music was his passion. He was a cast member in The Promise musical playing several roles over the years. He also enjoyed playing golf and riding his motorcycle and was a member of the Christian Church of Litchfield. On April 12, 2008 he married the former Kay Hendricks in Litchfield. She survives. Along with his mother and wife he is survived by three children, John, Amelia and Edward Raffety, a brother, Doug Raffety of Homewood, IL and a nephew, Finnegan Goulet-Raffety of Homewood, IL. Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. until time of funeral service at 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 22, 2022 at Calvary Baptist Church in Alton. Reverend Andre' Dobson will officiate. Burial will be private at Union Cemetery in Greenfield, IL. Memorials may be made to The FAYCO Foundation, P.O. Box 277, Vandalia, IL 62471 or "The Raffety Children Benefit Fund." Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church  
1422 Washington Ave.  
Alton, IL

## Funeral Service

APR **22**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew E. Raffety*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Matthew E. Raffety*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I was truly saddened by Matt's passing. I was his soccer coach in his youth and enjoyed working with him.....such a loss. He will be missed.*

*Bob Mossman*

**Bob Mossman** - May 07, 2022 at 11:25 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Matthew E. Raffety.*



April 22, 2022 at 07:36 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Matthew E. Raffety.*



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April 21, 2022 at 10:33 PM



“ *My son is named after Matthew. As a friend of Matthew's in high school his adventurous spirit, his charming personality and his born leadership ability always impressed me. His kindness and friendship changed my life. I've missed hanging out with Matt these many years as life took us in different parts of the country. Matt taught me so much about life, it's unimaginable to think life can be as sweet without his friendship. Love and prayers for his family from Chaun Mikuleza*

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**Chaun Mikuleza** - April 21, 2022 at 01:36 PM



“ *HCM Shelbyville, Illinois purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Matthew E. Raffety.*



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**HCM Shelbyville, Illinois** - April 21, 2022 at 09:58 AM

CA

“ We're so very sorry for your loss. We remember him fondly as a boy and young man at Calvary Baptist Church in Alton. Our sympathy and prayers are with the whole family.

*Carole and Becky Showers*

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**Carole** - April 20, 2022 at 07:29 PM

HK

“ I loved his musical talent . My sympathy and prayers for his family.

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**Helen Kinser** - April 20, 2022 at 07:04 PM

MS

“ Prayers and love for all of your family. May God be with you during this difficult time.



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**Mary Jane Schofield** - April 20, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew E. Raffety.



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April 20, 2022 at 03:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew E. Raffety.*



April 20, 2022 at 02:36 PM



“ *My condolences to his family and friends. I haven't seen him since high school but I remember him fondly*



**Bettie Duncan** - April 20, 2022 at 02:22 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Matthew E. Raffety.*



April 20, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *Denise Pritchard lit a candle in memory of Matthew E. Raffety*



**Denise Pritchard** - April 20, 2022 at 10:54 AM

DP

*This guy was a wonderful person and Great musician. Will be greatly missed! Condolences to the family*

**Denise Pritchard** - April 20, 2022 at 11:35 AM

KS

*“ Matt was a good man and such a good father. I'm absolutely heartbroken. Rest in Peace my friend. You were loved.*

**Kathie Steward** - April 20, 2022 at 09:29 AM

LP

*“ So sorry for your loss. Deepest sympathies.*

**Lori Palsen** - April 19, 2022 at 11:04 PM



*“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew E. Raffety.*



April 19, 2022 at 09:21 PM

NA

*“ My condolences to the Rafferty Family. I am sorry for your loss, may you find peace in the memories you shared.*

*From Nannette Crane an old friend and High school classmate*

**Nan** - April 19, 2022 at 09:14 PM

DA

*“ The silver bullet. He was good people*

**Dave** - April 19, 2022 at 08:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew E. Raffety.*



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April 19, 2022 at 07:53 PM



“ *Prayers of comfort for you all. Big hugs and love. ~Jenni & Terry Eisenhauer*

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**Jenni & Terry Eisenhauer** - April 19, 2022 at 07:01 PM