



Anthony J. Matijevic

April 15, 1974 - April 11, 2025

Anthony J. "Tony" Matijevic, age 50, who departed this life on April 11, 2025, surrounded by many loved ones at Hillcrest Hospital. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 15, 1974, Tony was a beacon of light to all who knew him, and he leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and unwavering kindness.

Tony is survived by his beloved wife of 17 years, Sandy Matijevic; his cherished children, Ava and Mia; and his devoted parents, Stijepan and Luca Matijevic. He is also mourned by his sister, Mariana Vazdar (Tomislav), and his sister-in-law, Renata Vodopic (Mario), mother-in-law Anka Jurcevic (Stjepan-deceased) along with his adored nephews Tomislav, Kristian, Lukas, and niece Darija. Tony's warmth will be remembered fondly by family members across the globe, including those in Canada, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Australia, and Germany as well as his beloved brothers and sisters in blue.

Tony lived life to the fullest, embracing everything from shooting and camping to the joy of sun-soaked days at the beach. As a dedicated professional, he served the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department as a detective, drawing on his earlier experience as an officer for the City of Eastlake. His proud career spanned over 25 years as he dedicated himself selflessly to his community. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Tony instilled a sense of honor and duty in all he did, and he will be deeply missed by those whose lives he touched.

Friends and family are invited to gather in celebration of Tony's life during visitation on Monday, April 14, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations, located at 35400 Curtis Blvd, Eastlake. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 10:30 AM at Divine Word Catholic Church, located at 8100 Eagle Rd, Kirtland. Following the service, Tony will be laid to rest at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon.

As we honor his memory, let us celebrate the joy he brought to our lives, his infectious sense of humor, and his ever-willing spirit to lend a helping hand. Tony will forever be remembered in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, the family would gratefully appreciate donations to support the future well-being and education of his young children.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR **15**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Divine Word Catholic Church
8100 Eagle Road
Willoughby, OH 44094

Tribute Wall



“ Mercedes S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony J. Matijevic.

Mercedes S. - April 17, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Matijevic.



April 14, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Matijevic.



April 14, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ Bob and Snjezana Elshaw purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Anthony J. Matijevic.



Bob and Snjezana Elshaw - April 13, 2025 at 11:10 PM

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“ Bob and Snjezana Elshaw planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony J. Matijevic.

Bob and Snjezana Elshaw - April 13, 2025 at 11:10 PM

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“ Tommy R. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Anthony J. Matijevic.



Tommy R. - April 13, 2025 at 07:46 AM

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“ Tommy R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony J. Matijevic.

Tommy R. - April 13, 2025 at 07:46 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Matijevic.



April 12, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Matijevic.



April 12, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ Cousins Maryanne, Rocco, & Julie Urbano purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Anthony J. Matijevic.



Cousins Maryanne, Rocco, & Julie Urbano - April 12, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ To Tony's family, friends and colleagues, my deepest sympathy and prayers for you all. God speed to you my friend, job well done.



David Schilling Ret. Sheriff Cuyahoga Co - April 12, 2025 at 08:42 AM



To Tony's family, friends and law enforcement colleagues, my condolences, prayers and heartfelt sympathy. Job well done Anthony rest in our Lords loving care.

David Schilling Ret. Sheriff Cuyahoga Co - April 12, 2025 at 08:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony J. Matijevic.



April 12, 2025 at 07:21 AM



“ I just can't with all this. My heart is beyond broken. My best friend Sandy...my god daughters Ava & Mia...this should not be happening. Love you all with every fiber of my being. Uncle Bill & Kuma Mickey send our condolences & then some. 🙏

Miljenka Cernanec - April 12, 2025 at 01:55 AM



Mariana, I am so so sorry to have red of your brother's passing. It came up by accident, and I can only all for you. Prayers of healing and peace to know that he is under. God's loving care.May his memory be eternal

Marilyn Goudas - April 12, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ Eddie and Ivana Crnjac purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Anthony J. Matijevic.



Eddie and Ivana Crnjac - April 11, 2025 at 09:23 PM

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Eddie and Ivana Crnjac - April 11, 2025 at 09:23 PM

MK

“ Sandy, Ava & Mia. We are so sorry for your loss. He was a great man, father & friend.
Love Joe & Mira

Mira Kovacevic - April 11, 2025 at 08:16 PM

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“ Sincere condolences to Tony's family. I worked with him at the Cuyahoga Sheriff's Department. He will be truly missed. He was a great officer and a great man. Rest in peace Tony. Thank you for your service Sir. 🙏🇺🇸💙

Lenay Stevers - April 11, 2025 at 07:50 PM