

Matthew Brent Bowen

April 10, 1992 - July 11, 2024

Matthew Brent Bowen, our beloved husband, father, son, brother, friend, and colleague, was stolen from us far too soon at age 32.

Born in Walnut Creek, Matt was raised in Fairfield where he graduated from Rodriguez High School in 2010. In his youth, he enjoyed participating in soccer, wrestling, track and field and played trumpet in the school band. Baptized at Vacaville Community Presbyterian Church, he was an active member at the Fairfield Community United Methodist Church, belonging to the youth group and children's choir. Matt was a senior leader of Boy Scout Troop 853, working his way up to the rank of Eagle Scout. He was especially proud to complete a 50-mile hike up Mt. Whitney with his troop.



Matt graduated from the Napa Police Academy in 2019 and earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Arizona State University in 2022. He served with the Concord Police Department for three and a half years before moving to the Vacaville Police Department in 2023, joining the traffic division earlier this year. He was thrilled to participate on his motorcycle at the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night at the Giants game the night before his tragic death. Matt is remembered by his colleagues as a tremendous officer with a magnetic personality and a positive attitude. In all things, Matt acted with integrity, serving with the highest level of dedication and honor.

Matt met the love of his life, Elizabeth Williamson, in 2013. They married in an intimate Pismo Beach wedding in 2020. They share two sons together, Mason, born in 2021, and Everett, born in 2023. Matt put his family above all else and devoted himself completely to his wife and two little boys. As a hands-on dad, Matt and Liz were a great team. Their life together was full of joy and shared moments, both big and small. He cherished family time and loved wrestling with his boys, taking them to the Sacramento Zoo, and going on special trips to Lake Tahoe and Hawaii. He was looking forward to bringing his young family to Monterey this month and Disneyland in September.

Our family was not expecting the loss of Matt, nor for his life to be cut so short so soon. We are devastated by this loss and will feel his absence forever. Matt had the kindest soul, the softest heart, and the quickest wit. He was full of life and made an immediate impact on everyone he interacted with. He lived his life surrounded by the love and admiration of his family and friends. Matt will forever be loved and remembered by his wife Elizabeth, two sons, Mason, age two and a half and Everett, age ten months, his parents, Marc and Becky Bowen, brother Jonathan Bowen, in-laws, aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as many other friends and family members.

A private memorial service will be held at The Father's House at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the following funds:
<https://porac.org/fundraiser/vacavillepoa-matt-bowen/>
<https://www.vacavillepolicefoundation.org/officer-matthew-bowen-memorial-fund/>