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Marine Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Bruce Clinger, 44, of Stafford, Virginia entered into eternal rest on March 23, 2024.

Left to honor his memory are his wife, Stephanie; children, Brian and Madeleine Clinger and Stella Phelan; parents, Bruce and LynnMarie Clinger; sister, Heather Clinger; grandmother, Eleanor Clinger; mother-in-law, Marie Milazzo; brother-in-law, Peter Milazzo; aunts and uncles, Al and Rosemarie Torromeo and Eugene and Nancy Luciani; and many beloved cousins.

Matthew was born October 11, 1979, and raised in Stafford Springs, CT where he made many lifelong friends. He graduated from Stafford High School Class of 1997. Following high school, he earned a degree in international studies from Norwich University and was an active member of the Corps of Cadets. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and became an artillery officer. Matthew served three combat tours, two as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller with ANGLICO units in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and as an Operations Officer on the Combined Joint Force Land Component Command staff in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. In addition to other roles within the USMC, Matthew was the Program Manager for Wargaming Capability prior to his retirement in September 2021. Matthew's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (Gold Star in lieu of second award), Joint Commendation Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two Gold Stars in lieu of third award), the Army Commendation Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon. He was a member of the Cavalry Order of the Golden Spur and a recipient of the Order of Saint Barbara, and American Legion Post No. 26 in Stafford, CT. Matthew was currently employed as a Senior Program Manager with G2 Ops, Inc.

Matthew connected with each person in his life in a special way. He loved his family



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and his friends and cherished the time he spent with them. His infectious smile and laughter will long be remembered. Matthew was passionate about cooking, most notably his skills smoking and barbecuing meats, and hosting parties for his family and friends where he regaled them with many stories and good times.

We are all better for having had Matthew in our lives. We will miss and love him as he assumes his new duty station guarding the gates of heaven.

A funeral mass for Matthew will be held Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Saint Francis of Assisi, 18825 Fuller Heights Rd, Triangle, VA. An inurnment at a later date will occur at Arlington National Cemetery, 1 Memorial Ave., Arlington, VA.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Matthew's name to Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation or St. Francis of Assisi Church.

To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit:

www.introvignefuneralhome.com



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Joshua Cole posted:

So sorry for your loss! I wish I could be there for you guys today in this dark time.

April 25 at 7:16 AM



Paulette Dumais posted:

My deepest deepest sympathy to you Lynn, Bruce and Heather on the loss of your sweet Mathew!!! Words cannot express how proud you were of him...of his service to our country, of being the son of a wonderful family, of being a brother to his sister, of being a wonderful father to his children!!! The world is less bright without him in it!!! Hold on to those precious memories you have to help see you through the days ahead!!!

April 14 at 9:50 AM



Carli Willis lit a candle in honor of Matthew.

Heather, I'm so sorry to hear of your brothers passing. What a decorated Marine he was and had grown up to be a wonderful man. I remember him when we were all just kids. May you and your family hold each special memory close. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this incredibly difficult time.

April 4 at 1:00 PM



Debra Galotto lit a candle in honor of Matthew.

April 2 at 4:48 PM



Mandy Fisher lit a candle in honor of Matthew.

April 2 at 10:21 AM





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TO

Tony Ostrowski posted:

To Bruce, Lynn and family I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Matt accomplished much in his life to be proud of a very outstanding individual to say the least. I thank him for his service to the country. He had so much more to give to all he left to soon. Sometimes it's hard to understand why God takes such good people so young but you can be assured he is with God now. Rest in peace Matt you certainly deserve it 🙏

April 2 at 5:33 AM

PR

Pat Rossi lit a candle in honor of Matthew.



April 1 at 1:26 PM

MO

Mark Ostrowski lit a candle in honor of Matthew.



April 1 at 10:38 AM

MO

Mark Ostrowski April 1 at 10:39 AM
Lynn and Bruce. I am so sorry for your loss.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Matthew by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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