



## Matthew Bradley Mainieri

May 8, 1977 - September 2, 2018

Matthew Bradley Mainieri, 41, of Windsor, passed away unexpectedly on September 2, 2018 in Murrell's Inlet, South Carolina. Born in Burlington, VT, raised in Colchester, VT, he lived in Connecticut since 1996 and later became a part time resident of Murrell's Inlet, SC since 2017. He received an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Champlain College and was currently working on receiving a Bachelor's Degree from Charter Oak State College. Sgt. Mainieri was a 20-year veteran of the South Windsor Police Department and was the owner of Connecticut Aerial Imagery, his drone photography and videoing company. He began working as a Community Service Officer in January 1998 and became a Police Officer in May of 1999. During his career, Matthew served as an Officer, Corporal and Sergeant. He served in the Traffic Unit and Criminal Investigations Unit. Matt was member of the regional traffic unit (Metro Traffic Services) and was an accident reconstructionist. He was also an outstanding instructor in many areas including firearms and police motorcycle operation. Matt was a member of the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (regional Special Weapons and Tactics team) and was skilled at explosive breaching.

In recent months, Sgt. Mainieri became heavily involved in starting an Unmanned Aerial System program for the Police Department and obtaining the drone technology to find missing persons and suspects. He was also the recipient of several awards including the department Medal of Valor, Chief's

Award, Lifesaving Award and Certificates of Commendation. Sgt. Mainieri spent his off-duty time with friends riding motorcycles, traveling to Vermont and South Carolina. He was a member of the Vermont Wing of the United States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol; the Colchester Rescue as an Emergency Medical Technician; and was a Harbor Master for Colchester, VT Police Department.

Matt leaves behind his mother, Bonnie (Bradley) Mainieri; a sister, Caroline Mainieri; two nephews, Daniel Cousino and Nicholas Chicoine; a niece, Isabella Chicoine; his girlfriend, Erin Jones of South Windsor, CT and countless friends. Matt was predeceased by his father George Mainieri and a sister, Suzan Beatrice.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday September 7, 2018 10 AM at The First Cathedral 1151 Blue Hills Ave., Bloomfield, CT. Additional services will be held in Vermont Tuesday (September 11, 2018) 12 noon at Holy Cross Church, 416 Church Road, Colchester, VT with a reception to follow at Regular Veterans Association, 84 Weaver Street, Winooski, VT. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Burlington, VT at the convenience of the family. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting the family with arrangements locally. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Matt's family at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Cathedral  
1151 Blue Hills Ave  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ To The Mainieri Family and Ms Jones, I am so sorry that this happened to your loved one, we always ask "Why" did this happen. I don't have the answer for that, the circumstances an outcome is so sad for everyone. I read Matthew's obituary an I was so impressed with all he has accomplished in such a short time. Some of my family are present, retired law enforcement and military members. You would think something would most likely happen in one of these. Again, please except my deepest sympathy an may God be with each of you in the coming days, months and years. Know that Matthew is in God's hands and also be will be your guardian Angel watching over each of you every day. God Bless.

*Sandra Atkinson  
Murrells Inlet SC*

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**Sandra** - September 07, 2018 at 06:55 PM

LW

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



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**LT Peter "Doc" Wight (retired) WTNFD** - September 06, 2018 at 10:16 PM

VS

“ From the moment we came to know Matt in Chittenden County, Vermont (cira 1990's), it was clear that he would not be denied a path to becoming a great servant of humanity. His vitality was contagious. His contributions many. The culture of EMS and Law Enforcement is immeasurably better just because of who Matt was.

Victor Sears - September 06, 2018 at 04:09 PM

AN

“ Amy Nesbitt lit a candle in memory of Matthew Bradley Mainieri



Amy Nesbitt - September 06, 2018 at 02:52 PM

RP

“ Matt,

*I remember many good times with you, Chris, and Winston. You always had that infectious smile. Rest easy now brother, we have the watch now. You've earned your Angel's wings.*

Rich Dabrowski (Stamford PD) - September 06, 2018 at 10:17 AM

JA

“ Joan Avery lit a candle in memory of Matthew Bradley Mainieri



Joan Avery - September 05, 2018 at 03:05 PM

CO

“ Condolences to his family and friends. It is very hard to have such a great man taken too soon. Thoughts are also with his fellow officers and the residents of our town who have suffered a loss. RIP Matthew!

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**cheryl Ober** - September 05, 2018 at 12:53 PM

CR

“ To the Mainieri family and friends, I am very sorry for your loss. It is so sad that a excellent and all around good person should be taken away from us.

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**Commander Tom Hart retired** - September 05, 2018 at 10:19 AM

GC

Matty .. you lit up so many peoples lives with your sweet gentle kindness. You will always be our hero. Heartbroken over missing you , and for your family and Erin. Watch over them and help them find peace. I'll miss u forever. Gail

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**gail corbo** - September 05, 2018 at 08:25 PM

AR

“ Never knew the property markers of his house but he never seemed to mind when the north side f his lawned was mowed Rest In Peace neighbor

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**AR** - September 04, 2018 at 08:16 PM

BB

“ We have seen him daily for the past 11 years. Wether hes mowing his lawn or riding his motorcylce. His familiar face will be missed. R. I. P. Matthew. Thoughts and prayers are with you

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**Billie bourque** - September 04, 2018 at 05:18 PM