



Matthew Watts Lawson

September 21, 1985 - June 28, 2024

Matthew Watts Lawson, 38, of Salisbury, NC passed away Friday, June 28, 2024 at his residence.

Matthew was born September 21, 1985 in Nashville, TN to the late Michael Lawson and Lea Watts Lawson. He was educated at Davison Academy in Tennessee and later was enrolled at the University of North Carolina Charlotte where he was an honor student. History was his major. Matthew was an avid music fan and a great guitar player. He had many friends going back to his childhood in Tennessee and beyond. He never met a stranger.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents and younger brother, Blair Lawson.

Matthew is survived by his children, Hayden Watts Lawson, Gabrielle Lawson, Skyler Lawson and Carson Lawson of the home; maternal grandparents, Dr. H. Boyd Watts and wife Krista Watts of Salisbury, NC; uncle, Rob Watts and wife Crystal of Salisbury, NC; sister, Whitney Lawson and her daughter Ella of Dallas, TX; and favorite cousins Lauren Durland and husband Ethan and Haley Watts all of Charlotte, NC and friends.

A Graveside Service will be held Sunday (July 28) at 2 PM at Rowan Memorial Park, officiated by Dr. Rev. Mark Conforti.

Matthew was a traumatic brain injury survivor (TBI) after suffering a fall in 2022. He was also big into recovery so memorials may be made to Discovery Place, 1635 Spencer Mill Road, Burns, TN 37029.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Lawson/Watts family. Online

condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AL

“ Amber Lawlor lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lawson



Amber Lawlor - March 13 at 08:40 AM

AL

“ There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of you and wish you were here Matt. There are times I swear I feel your presence. You live on in my heart. I will always be grateful to have known a human like yourself and am thankful to have shared the time that i did have with you. Love you always Matt!

Amber Lawlor - March 13 at 08:37 AM

AL

“ I am just a few minutes late. Yesterday, September the 21st would be turning the big 40. I hate that you aren't here to celebrate it Matt. You had a beautiful day. I miss your beautiful handsome soul. I love you and would give anything for you to be here.

Amber Lawlor - September 22, 2025 at 12:14 AM

AL

“ Amber Lawlor lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lawson



Amber Lawlor - September 22, 2025 at 12:08 AM

AL

“ Amber Lawlor lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lawson



Amber Lawlor - June 28, 2025 at 11:03 PM

AL

“ Some where between midnight and one o clock this morning, one year ago today, you left this world and took a piece of me with you Matt. I know you were hurting. I would have stayed up all night with you had I known you were struggling so badly. Some of the last few words out of mouth to you was I am in your corner. I was and I still am in your corner. You will always hold a special place in my heart Matt. I wanted so much more time with you but am thankful for the time I did have with you. The few days before your death, I was checking you out at work, and I wish a thousand times I would have hugged you and kissed you. I wish I could have taken away your pain. You were one of the best things to ever have come into my life. I love you Mr.Lawson.

Amber Lawlor - June 28, 2025 at 11:02 PM

AL

“ Amber Lawlor lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lawson



Amber Lawlor - June 16, 2025 at 12:17 AM

AL

“ You have been on my mind and heart heavy today with it being Father's Day. We weren't together long but it was long enough to see the love you had for your four children. You were a good dad and a big kid yourself...one of the many things I loved about you. You brought out the big kid in me and I will always be thankful for that Matt. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of you and wish you were here. I miss you and would give anything to hug you once more. Happy Father's Day Matt. I love you...

Amber Lawlor - June 16, 2025 at 12:16 AM

AL

“ Six months today that you left this earth. Six months that I have felt lost, sadness, and a madness that I didn't know existed. I miss you so so much. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of you and miss you. Thank you for bringing my heart back to life, for being vulnerable and human with me. You were one of kind Matthew Watts Lawson and I love you.

Amber Lawlor - December 28, 2024 at 09:52 PM

AL

“ Amber Lawlor lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lawson



Amber Lawlor - December 28, 2024 at 09:41 PM

AL

“ *Amber Lawlor lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lawson*



Amber Lawlor - December 10, 2024 at 12:09 AM

AL

“ *Amber Lawlor lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lawson*



Amber Lawlor - October 29, 2024 at 03:29 PM

AL

“ *Four months and a day that you left this world. I couldn't bring myself to writing this yesterday cause that would mean losing you all over again. Truth is we don't just lose someone one time but over and over. I miss you so much Matt. You would have turned 39 last month on the 21st. Not a day goes by that I don't think about you. So much has transpired these past few months. I wish I could tell you. I am seeing The Deftones come March the 24th and hate that you won't be by my side to see the band that you loved. The band that I have fallen head over heels for and love now too. I will always be grateful for you introducing me to them and his side project The Crosses. I would give anything to hear you sing, feel your hand in mine, hug you, and you asking me to kiss you and if I was being bashful to kiss you lol. You and Carson brought this heart of mine back to life. My heart hurts yet still skips a beat for you. I love you Matt.*

Amber Lawlor - October 29, 2024 at 03:28 PM

CB

“ We at UNC Charlotte grieve Matthew’s loss and send heartfelt condolences to his friends and family.

Chris Boyer - August 21, 2024 at 08:30 PM

JD

“ For the Watts/Lawson family, I am beyond devastated that Matt is no longer with us. Matt was a wonderful, kind and loving true friend to me. For Matt's children I hope you all know how much I love you! Dr. Watts & Mrs. Watts I know this is extremely difficult for you both. I'm praying for you all. I love you all VERY MUCH! God Bless You.

Jansen Cole Douglas - August 10, 2024 at 11:23 AM

AL

“ I miss you Matt. I started listening to the Deftones and my gosh they are incredible. Chino has a voice like no other. I can see why they were one of your favorite groups. It's a shame I didn't start listening to them sooner. They are working on another album I saw. Listening to them is helping me grieve and get through this anger I got now. You should be here. My heart hurts but it is through this hurt that I know what I felt for you was real, so very real. One of the last things I said to you was that I am in your corner and in your corner I remain. I hope with all my heart that you left this world knowing that I cared and loved you despite me not telling you. I hope my actions spoke that for me and I feel like they did.

Amber Lawlor - August 06, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Amber Lawlor lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lawson



Amber Lawlor - July 26, 2024 at 02:10 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew Watts Lawson.



July 26, 2024 at 01:01 PM

BR

“ Brent, Jennifer, Sarah, Mary, and Rachel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Watts Lawson.

Brent, Jennifer, Sarah, Mary, and Rachel - July 26, 2024 at 01:01 PM

AL

“ I miss you Matthew Watts Lawson. Little did I know that Thursday evening would be the last time I would get to talk you, hear your voice. I checked you and lil Carson out at work just a couple of days before. You winked at me and like butter I melted. Your smile was infectiousness. I wish I would have hugged you ever so tight. I wish I would have kissed you. I wish I would have told you what I had been wanting to tell you, which was that I love you but I didn't want to scare you. One of the last things I told you before we got off the phone that Thursday was that I was in your corner. We had made plans for the next day. I didn't find out till the following Monday night that you had passed. It feels like life as I knew has just stopped and I am going through the motions of living now. My heart hurts and I am angry, so very angry at times as you should be here. My heart goes out to your four children, Hayden, Gabrielle, Skyler, and Carson and your grandparents Kris (Gigi) and Boyd. I wanted more time with you, more time with Carson, and to meet the rest of Lawson crew. You were a good dad Matt. You were good to me and made my heart smile not to mention skip a beat. You and Carson brought my heart back to life and I will forever be grateful for that. The first time I met you, you were wearing a helmet and I liked you then. I admired your strength and resilience. I always called you a walking miracle. Love always, Amber.

Amber Lawlor - July 22, 2024 at 01:38 AM

GF

“ Dr. & Mrs. Watts. We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your grandson. He must have been an amazing young man. Keeping you and his family in our thoughts and prayers. With our deepest sympathy. Glenda (Martin) Fuller and Ruth Martin

Glenda (Martin) Fuller - July 16, 2024 at 06:48 PM

JD

Dr. Watts & Mrs. Watts, I didn't find out about Matt's passing until June 13th. Im totally devastated and in shock. If there's ANYTHING I can do or help you with you have my number. I am praying for you and the children. I LOVE YOU ALL! GOD BLESS YOUR BROKEN HEARTS.

Jansen Douglas - July 18, 2024 at 11:40 AM