



Matthew A. White

May 2, 1974 - March 18, 2026

Matthew A. White, 51, of East Peoria, passed away on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at his home.

He was born in Peoria on May 2, 1974, to Cynthia (Loerger) Miller; she survives.

Also surviving are his brothers, Christopher (Laura) White of Mapleton and Andrew White of Peoria Heights; his nieces, Emily and Erica; and his nephew, Ian.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and one nephew.

After graduating from Illini Bluffs, Matthew joined the Army. Driven by his passion for cooking and serving others, he began his culinary journey at the South Side Mission Culinary Program. He went on to work in several restaurants around Peoria before eventually opening his own restaurant, Dac's Smokehouse and Catering in Morton.

Matt loved dogs; especially his beloved dog Manny, who passed away last year.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to South Side Mission or TAPS in Pekin. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.