



Matthew Aaron Polizzi

August 29, 1983 - January 26, 2026

Ssgt Matthew Polizzi, 42, passed away in his Garner, NC home on Monday January 26, 2026. He leaves behind a family who loved him deeply and a legacy of honorable service to his country. Matthew was born August 29, 1983, in Cherry Point, NC, to Donald Polizzi and Charlotte Leeming both originally from Rochester, NY.

Matthew proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He dedicated 14 years of active duty service to his country and exemplified courage, leadership, and sacrifice throughout his military career. He enlisted as an infantry man, later serving as an Advanced Assaultman, Urban Breacher, Martial arts Instructor, Drill Instructor, and infantry unit leader. He completed 3 combat deployments and was awarded the Purple Heart as well as the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Valor, among other honors. Matthew's service reflected his unwavering commitment to his fellow Marines and to the ideals he defended.

Beyond his military accomplishments, Matthew was a devoted husband, father, son and brother. He shared 18 years of marriage with his beloved wife Erica Polizzi, and together they built a life rooted in love, strength, and family. He was a proud and dedicated father to his 3 children, Seeley Nicole Polizzi (15), Evren Aaron Polizzi (12), and Kierron Daniel Polizzi (11), who were the center of his world.

Matthew is also survived by his brother, Samuel Justin Polizzi; his step mother Gina Polizzi, stepbrother Shawn Vititoe and step sister Michelle Vititoe. He is

lovingly remembered by his grandparents, Art and Gloria Leeming, who held a special place in his heart.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Samuel and Donna Polizzi.

Matthew will be remembered as a warrior, a leader, and all above, a loving family man. His courage, sacrifice, and devotion to his country and to those he loved will never be forgotten.

The viewing is Tuesday, February 3, 2026 from 2-4 pm with the service following at 4:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan. Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

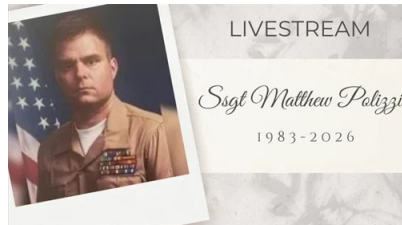
FEB 3. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Matthew Aaron Polizzi*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - February 03 at 09:31 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew Aaron Polizzi*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - February 02 at 03:09 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Matthew Aaron Polizzi.*



February 03 at 03:31 PM

JR

“ Jeffrey R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Aaron Polizzi.

Jeffrey R. - February 02 at 07:32 PM

SS

“ Steve and Simone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Aaron Polizzi.

Steve and Simone - February 02 at 04:21 PM

SS

“ Steve and Simone purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Matthew Aaron Polizzi.



Steve and Simone - February 02 at 04:21 PM

OP

“ OHOP Family, Samaritan's Purse planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew Aaron Polizzi.

OHOP Family, Samaritan's Purse - February 02 at 02:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew Aaron Polizzi.*



February 02 at 02:53 PM



“ *One of my students shared this with me and I hope it will bring comfort to you:*

Isaiah 61:3

To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the LORD has planted for his own glory.

Justin Polizzi - February 02 at 01:53 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Matthew Aaron Polizzi.*



February 02 at 12:14 PM



“ *Peter & Jean Skrmetti purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Matthew Aaron Polizzi.*



Peter & Jean Skrmetti - February 02 at 11:55 AM

TC

“ *The Wildlife Club purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Matthew Aaron Polizzi.*



The Wildlife Club - February 02 at 10:14 AM

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“ - *Jake Kennedy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Matthew Aaron Polizzi.*



- Jake Kennedy - February 02 at 09:07 AM