



## Hunter Matthew Polk

May 15, 1998 - April 3, 2023

Hunter Matthew Polk, age 24 of Zanesville, went to his home in heaven, Monday, April 3, 2023, in Columbus.

He was born Friday, May 15, 1998, in Zanesville, the son of Melanie (Michael Hying) Polk and the late Pete Polk, and was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

He was a 2016 graduate of Tri-Valley High School. Hunter was an avid Football player and was awarded a D-1 full athletic and academic scholarship to Duquesne University and after his first year he transferred to Walsh University to continue his football career and pursue his Bachelor's Degree in Communication and Business Administration. He enjoyed music, had a love of reading and being in the outdoors. Hunter passions were fishing, hunting, and traveling all over the country to hike with his furry friend "Rosie." Yellowstone National Park was their favorite place to hike. Hunter was working toward his dream of opening a fish hatchery and owning a farm.

In addition to his mother, he was survived by three siblings, Lydia (Samuel Culp) Polk of Columbus; Dillon Polk and Diamond Hying all of Zanesville; maternal grandmother, Mary Pritchard; Aunt, Julie (David) Mattingly; Uncle, Adam (Tara) Pritchard all of Zanesville; cousins, Caleb and Connor Wooley, Clay and Cami Mattingly, and Koen, Kason and Haylee Pritchard all of Zanesville, a large extended family; and his forever "Good Buddy" Father Bill Arnold, who spent many wonderful times together cooking and watching sports.

In addition to his father he was preceded in death by his grandfather, Harold "Cal" Pritchard.

Friends may call from 12PM to 2PM & 5PM to 8PM on Friday, April 14, 2023, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor, Funeral Home, 935 Forest Ave., Zanesville. A Funeral Mass will be held 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 925 Main Street, Zanesville with Fr. Bill Arnold as celebrant and Fr. Martin Ralko as co-celebrant. Burial will conclude in the Mt. Olive Cemetery, Zanesville.

To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note, please visit [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike  
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home  
935 Forest Avenue  
Zanesville, OH 43701  
(740) 452-5494  
directors@hilliscombsnestor.com  
<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

## Visitation

APR 14. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

APR **15**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church  
925 Main St.  
Zanesville, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hunter Matthew Polk*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Melanie and Family,  
I'm so sorry to hear about Hunter and I can  
only imagine what all of you have been going  
thru.  
God Bless all of you!!!  
Tom & Joellen Kendrick*



**Tom & Joellen Kendrick** - April 18, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the  
family of Hunter Matthew Polk.*



April 14, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Hunter Matthew Polk.*



April 13, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ 216 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Hillis Combs Funeral Home** - April 13, 2023 at 04:37 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Hunter Matthew Polk*.



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April 12, 2023 at 07:32 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of *Hunter Matthew Polk*.



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April 12, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *Such great memories and he loved his Grandma and Grandpa POLK SO MUCH ... Weird they wernt mentioned. Praying for you.*

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**Dairyen** - April 11, 2023 at 09:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hunter Matthew Polk.*



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April 11, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ *Melanie and Julie I am so sorry for your loss, what a nice looking man. Thinking about you and your families.*  
*Julie Whiteman*

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**Julie Whiteman** - April 11, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Hunter Matthew Polk.*



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April 10, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ *We were in and out of each others life before I had time to appreciate him. His kind heart, his warm demeanor and passion for helping others. I wish I could have done more. You will forever be thought of and forever be in our hearts... Gone too soon!!*

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**Gina W** - April 10, 2023 at 05:38 PM

FA

“ Hunter: you will forever be in my heart. I miss you, more than you know. I will never forget the times we shared together. Love you, " Good Buddy". Fr. Bill Arnold, Holy Spirit/ St Philip the Apostle Parishes, Columbus, Ohio.

Fr. William L. Arnold - April 10, 2023 at 05:36 PM

AH

“ Hunter was very kind when I knew him in high school. He was a friend to everyone with an infectious smile and laugh you could hear from another room.

Aliya Hadley - April 10, 2023 at 05:20 PM

KB

“ I remember Hunter when he was in kindergarten at St. Nicholas. He was such an ornery kid! Sending love to his family and friends ❤️

Katie Bell - April 10, 2023 at 04:45 PM

JW

So sorry for your loss, he was way too young to leave this world. May God bless the family and help them through these trying times.

judy woftet - April 10, 2023 at 04:53 PM

SB

Love, hugs and prayers for you all. Our hearts are all broken. Hunter - we will never forget you.  
Your arm wrestling buddy, Sheila

Sheila Blake - April 11, 2023 at 05:16 PM

DR

*We are so sorry for the passing of Hunter. Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. I am a cousin to Mary Jane on the Harbaugh side of the family.*

*Sincerely,  
Diane and John Rodgers*

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**Diane Rodgers** - April 13, 2023 at 02:07 PM