



## Imagine

*John Lennon*

Imagine there's no heaven  
It's easy if you try  
No hell below us  
Above us only sky  
Imagine all the people  
Living for today...

Imagine there's no countries  
It isn't hard to do  
Nothing to kill or die for  
And no religion too  
Imagine all the people  
Living life in peace...

You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope someday you'll join us  
And the world will be as one

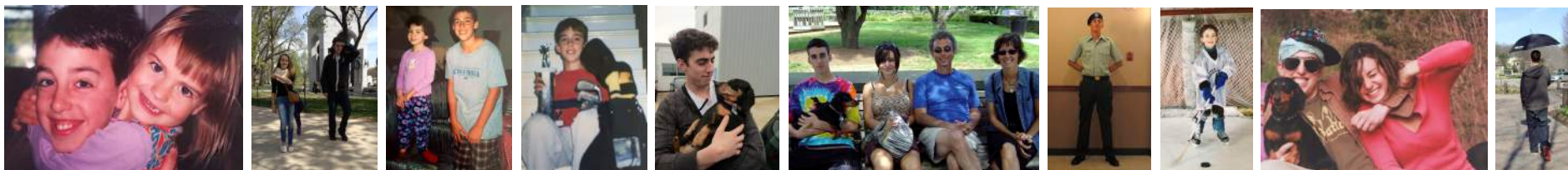
Imagine no possessions  
I wonder if you can  
No need for greed or hunger  
A brotherhood of man  
Imagine all the people  
Sharing all the world...

You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope someday you'll join us  
And the world will live as one



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Matthew Aaron Papirmeister, beloved son of Janet and Charles Papirmeister and big brother to Sara, was born August 13, 1989 in Burlington, Vermont. On August 7, 2014 Matthew died of catastrophic injuries after being hit by a car while helping a person with their disabled vehicle.

Matt was a good and generous soul with an abundance of exuberance. His keen intellect, dry wit, work ethic, and willingness to pitch in and help out endeared all who met and knew him. He enjoyed hiking, camping and snowboarding in the Vermont outdoors, and he excelled in golf competing in many Junior Golf tournaments. He was a very talented visual artist and his family is very thankful to be surrounded by his vibrant works of art.

At 18 years of age, Matt enlisted in the US Army serving in the Iraq War. Matt was a Stryker driver and drove one of the last Strykers that arrived in Kuwait from Baghdad. Matt received the Army Commendation Medal in addition to seven other medals and ribbons.

After his military service, Matt traveled to Prague and Denmark. While visiting with his Uncle Joel in Christiania, Denmark he earned the love and respect of many living in this unique community. On his return to the US, Matt worked in Alaska and loved the state's natural beauty and wildlife. Matt then traveled, Jack Kerouac style, through the midwest and during those 44 days met kind, hard working people open to sharing a meal and conversations about religion, domestic and global issues.

Matt was able to connect with anyone. He was a natural comedian and loved challenging others to think and question in ways they hadn't before. At 10 years of age, he brought down the house imitating Al Gore campaigning. When seeing people who were struggling or homeless, he would help without hesitation. Matt admired the Greatest Generation, and prior generations when a boss or boat captain hired on the spot a man willing to work long and hard. He believed much has been lost by technology and bureaucracy making it difficult to find straightforward, hard days of work. He played a solid game of chess, pool, and cribbage.

Along with his parents and sister, Matt is survived by his grandparents Nick and Ruth Garapick (Wolfville, NS), and Eleanor Papirmeister (Chevy Chase, MD), Uncle Joel Rains (Christiania, Denmark), Aunt Nancy Garapick (British Columbia, Canada), Uncle James Papirmeister (Sherry Dauerman), cousins Michael and Rachel Papirmeister (Potomac, MD), Uncle Peter Garapick (Elsa Natvik), and cousins Reidun and Annelise Garapick (Ontario, Canada). Matt was predeceased by his loving grandfather Dr. Ben Papirmeister and cousin Sara Tromm.

Matt will be profoundly missed by his family, many friends and all who loved and cared for him.

Two people received The Gift of Life as a result of this tragedy. A 39 year old male received Matt's heart and a mid-30 year old male received his kidney. To honor Matt and in his memory, please consider giving a donation to the Fisher House Foundation ([www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)) or Youth Art For Healing ([www.youthartforhealing.org](http://www.youthartforhealing.org)).

