



Matthew J. Cadenas

August 30, 2006 - March 25, 2026

Branchville - Matthew J. Cadenas, age 19, passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at his residence. Born in Jersey City, Matthew grew up in Clifton and moved to Sussex County in 2022. He graduated from High Point Regional High School in 2024 and continued his education at Sussex County Community College, where he was currently enrolled.

Matthew will be remembered as a young man whose 19 years were filled with energy, kindness, and a deep love for people and places around him. He found a special sense of belonging working at Mountain Creek in Vernon, where the mountains became more than just a backdrop- they were a second home. He truly loved his time there, not only for work itself but for the friendships he built. His coworkers were like family to him, and he brought laughter, dedication, and a positive spirit to every day on the job.

Outside of work, he had a passion for sports and a natural love for the

outdoors. Whether he was playing a game, cheering on a team, or spending a quiet day fishing, he embraced every moment fully. Those who knew him will remember his easy smile, his sense of humor, and the way he made everyone feel included.

Above all else, he cherished his family and friends. He had a big heart and gave his love freely, creating lasting memories with everyone lucky enough to know him. Though his time with us was far too short, the impact he made will never be forgotten. He leaves behind a legacy of friendship, warmth, and a life with genuine joy.

Matthew was predeceased by his grandfather, Oscar Cadenas. He is survived by his loving parents, Oscar "Omar" Cadenas and Katherine "Katy" Lopez; his brother, Aaron; and his paternal grandmother, Paula Elena Gomez of Union City; and his maternal grandparents, Jaime Lopez and Anna Torres.

Friends may pay their respects to the family on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Funeral services will follow at 12 noon at the funeral home and interment will immediately follow at Frankford Plains Cemetery, Plains Road in Augusta. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Frankford Plains Cemetery

Plains Road
Frankford Twp, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.
31 Bank Street (Route 23)
Sussex, NJ 07461
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Service

MAR 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ Anna Ziegler, Pablo, Lucia, and Shaelgah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew J. Cadenas.

Anna Ziegler, Pablo, Lucia, and Shaelgah - March 28 at 09:36 AM

AS

“ Anna Ziegler, Pablo, Lucia, and Shaelgah purchased the Sympathy Gourmet Charcuterie Gift Basket for the family of Matthew J. Cadenas.



Anna Ziegler, Pablo, Lucia, and Shaelgah - March 28 at 09:36 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew J. Cadenas.



March 27 at 06:30 PM

FF

“ From Nick LoBue and Alyssa Figliuolo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew J. Cadenas.

From Nick LoBue and Alyssa Figliuolo - March 27 at 06:17 PM

FF

“ From Nick LoBue and Alyssa Figliuolo purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Matthew J. Cadenas.



From Nick LoBue and Alyssa Figliuolo - March 27 at 06:17 PM

DB

“ Denise & Bill purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Matthew J. Cadenas.



Denise & Bill - March 27 at 05:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Matthew J. Cadenas.

March 27 at 03:53 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Matthew J. Cadenas.



March 27 at 03:53 PM

RC

“ Rhys, Ehete, G, Bernie, Frank, Charlie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew J. Cadenas.



Rhys, Ehete, G, Bernie, Frank, Charlie - March 27 at 12:58 PM

FC

“ Frank C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew J. Cadenas.

Frank C. - March 27 at 12:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew J. Cadenas.



March 27 at 09:41 AM

FF

“ Falasten Abdeljabbar & Crystal Failla purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Matthew J. Cadenas.



Falasten Abdeljabbar & Crystal Failla - March 27 at 09:22 AM

BF

“ Benny Piero Gamarra y Familia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew J. Cadenas.

Benny Piero Gamarra y Familia - March 27 at 08:15 AM

BF

“ Benny Piero Gamarra y Familia purchased the *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* for the family of Matthew J. Cadenas.



Benny Piero Gamarra y Familia - March 27 at 08:15 AM

BL

“ Bengi y Maria Leiva purchased the *Beautiful Dreams* for the family of Matthew J. Cadenas.



Bengi y Maria Leiva - March 27 at 12:13 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Matthew J. Cadenas.

March 26 at 11:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Matthew J. Cadenas.



March 26 at 11:07 PM



“ *Leslie M Barbera lit a candle in memory of Matthew J. Cadenas*



Leslie M Barbera - March 26 at 10:14 PM



“ *Ms. Alice Dejesus purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew J. Cadenas.*



Ms. Alice Dejesus - March 26 at 09:12 PM



“ *Familia Romero Morales / Llerena purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew J. Cadenas.*



Familia Romero Morales / Llerena - March 26 at 09:05 PM

CH

“ *Chris Hunter sent a virtual gift in memory of Matthew J. Cadenas*



Chris Hunter - March 26 at 08:51 PM