

MATTHEW GATTI FUNERAL

Forever a humble servant



Anna Lax Gatti, wife of Matthew Gatti, hugs her father, Frankie Lax, before the funeral service for Tennessee State Trooper Matthew Gatti at West Jackson Baptist Church in Jackson on Monday. Gatti died in the line of duty in an accident while responding to a car fire on I-40 on May 6. PHOTOS BY KENNETH CUMMINGS/THE JACKSON SUN

Law enforcement officials from across nation honor fallen trooper

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They came not just from all over Tennessee, but all over the nation to honor one of their own.

"On behalf of the people of Tennessee, the 6.7 million people, I offer my deep sorrow and an expression of deep gratitude for [Matthew Gatti]," Tennessee Governor Bill Lee said. "Matt has laid down his life to protect and serve, and all of Tennessee is grateful for that."

On Monday, hundreds of local and national law enforcement officers gathered at the West Jackson Baptist Church for the funeral of 24-year-old Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Matthew Gatti.

Gatti died in the line of duty on May 6. He was responding to a car fire on Interstate 40 when his vehicle spun out of control and was struck by two tractor trailers.

"It's a fitting response for Trooper Gatti, because he was as supportive as the love that's being shown to him now," TFP Sergeant and Gatti's front line supervisor Jamie Jarrett said. "That's how he was to anybody

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Gatti laid to rest by family, friends and his brothers in blue

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Hundreds gathered Monday to celebrate and mourn for fallen Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Matthew Gatti, a public servant, loved one, friend, Christian and comedian.

"This young man, who in our view, has gone way too soon, lived a life and lost his life in a way that very few have the honor of doing, and for that I am deeply grateful," Governor Bill Lee said at Gatti's funeral service in Jackson.

Gatti was killed in the line of duty on May 6 while responding to a call for help on Interstate 40.

His willingness to serve and sacrifice himself for others was second nature for Gatti, according to those who knew him best. But even those who never met Gatti paid their respects and honored his sacrifice, standing outside stopped cars and lining the streets of his four-mile-long funeral procession with their hands over their hearts.

Gatti exemplified duty and selfless service both on

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