



Honor a loved one or commemorate a special date with a tribute bench, tree or space located in one of our display gardens, along a trail, or in scenic natural areas at Matthaei Botanical Gardens or Nichols Arboretum. Tribute gifts offer unique and lasting ways to recognize family, friends, and events that have touched our lives while also supporting Matthaei-Nichols. Single or collective donations can be used for any tribute and all donations are tax-deductible. All donors will receive an acknowledgment from the University of Michigan and Matthaei-Nichols, along with a notification sent to the honorees, if desired. All tributes will be available to view on our Tribute Tracker database in perpetuity.

Name a Tree at Matthaei Botanical Gardens or Nichols Arboretum- \$2,500

A tree in tribute to a friend or loved one is a wonderful gift that continues to grow. Choose from a variety of different tree species in our collections, or have the Matthaei-Nichols Curator choose for you. All trees available as tribute options are pre-determined and include only trees that are already planted and established on our sites to ensure the longevity and good health of the tree while also fitting to our long-term landscape design. Your tribute tree gift directly supports the care and maintenance for our many display gardens, trails, and natural areas.



Each tribute tree gift includes:

- An anodized alumni tree plaque identifying the tree species, origin of nativity, and the name of the person(s) honored.
- Tree maintenance for a period of 20 years effectively beginning on the day of memorialization, including tree replacement if deemed necessary. Matthaei-Nichols will review the tree condition after the 20 year term and will contact the original tree representative to discuss options for renewing the tree gift at the donation price at the end of the tribute period.
- A digital archive of the tree available for public view on the Matthaei-Nichols 'Tribute Tracker.' The archive record will include an accompanying photo of the tree and plaque and a map of the tree location.
- Recognition on our Donor Honor Roll published each year in the Annual Report.
- If collecting gifts for a tribute, weekly updates regarding the running total of the fund and names of contributing donors will be sent to the tribute representative.
- Acknowledgment letters will be sent to all donors on behalf of Matthaei-Nichols.
- All donations are tax-deductible and will receive a donation receipt from the University of Michigan.

