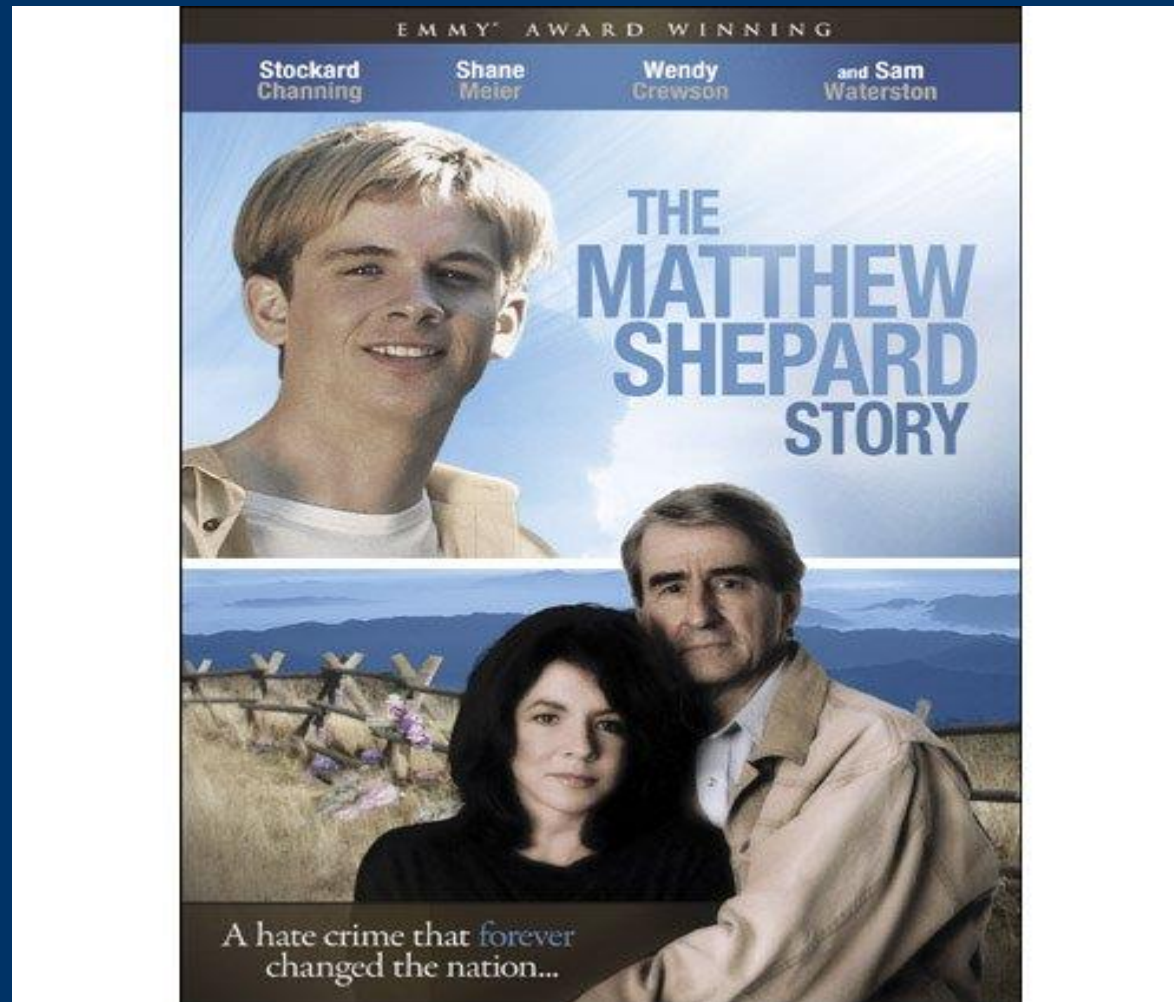
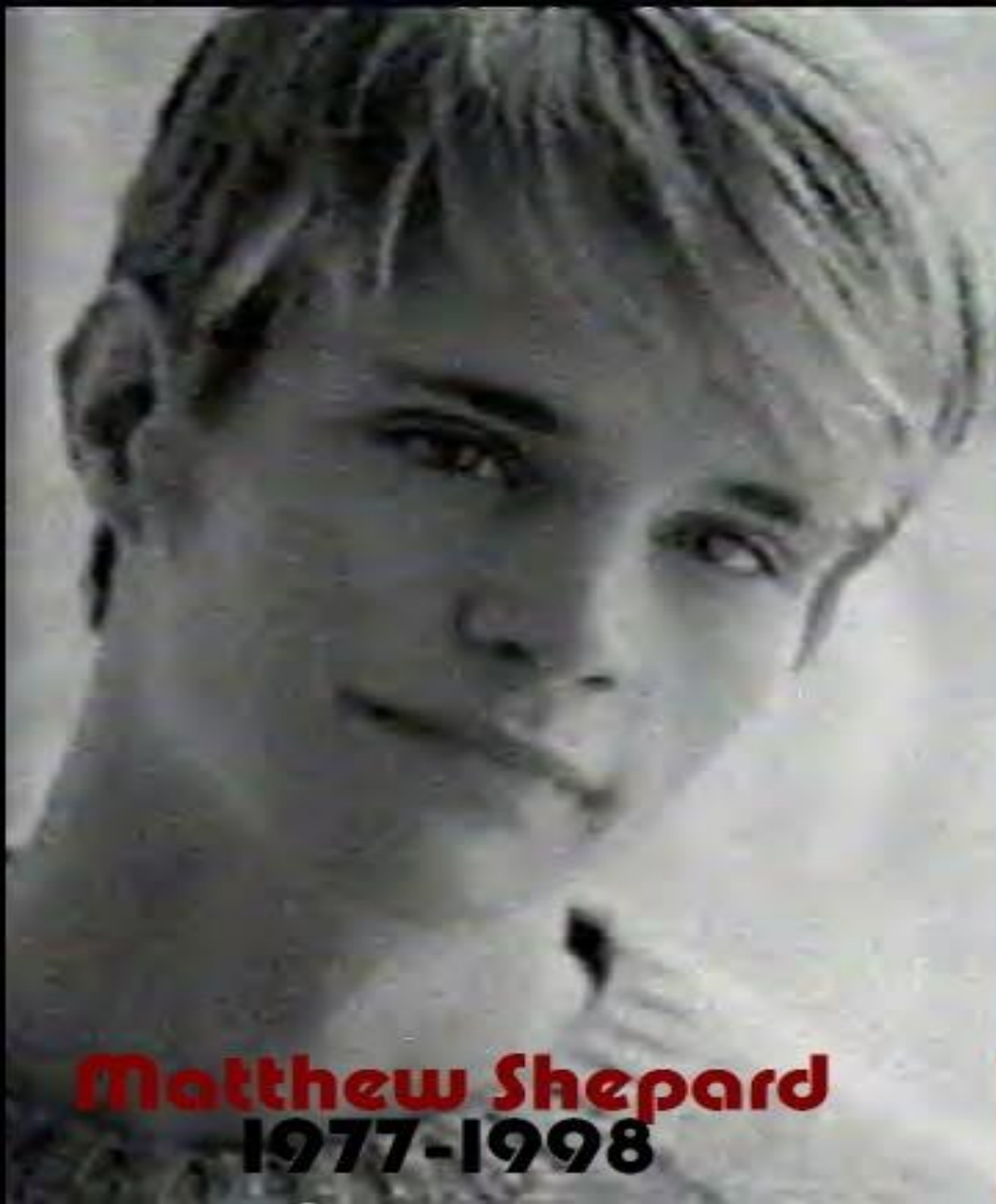


Analysis of the film “The Matthew Shepard story”





Matthew Shepard
1977-1998

Matthew Shepard was brutally beaten and left to die, all because he was gay. He was just 21 and his life was ended so shortly on October 12th, 1998. All for someones' hate for the way he was. He will truly not be forgotten. We are his voice. Let him be heard.

Hate is not the way!

The scenes that impressed me the most:

- Matthew's death.
- The speech of Matthew's father at the lawsuit.
- Matthew's funeral.



Matthew's death

Matthew Shepard was beaten to death by two men, just because he was gay. The two murderers met Matthew in a pub then they deceived him by saying to him that they were gay and proposed to take him home. The two men took him to a field and tied him to a fence, then they began to beat him brutally. This scene impressed me by the violence which emerges from it. The way that Matthew Shepard is killed is very piping and cruel. The two men who killed him show their extreme wickedness by their behaviour. I was shocked by the cruelty of the murderers, who can kill a man like this, in cold blood, using all their strength to beat him. It is impossible for a normal person to beat another man in such a brutally way, it is too difficult, you have to be a monster.



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The speech of Matthew's father at the lawsuit

The speech of the father is very touching, he demonstrates his humanity towards the cruel behaviour of the murderer. He proves to be a honest and good person. He says that even if he would like to see the slayer dying, he has to “show mercy to someone who refuse to show it”, and not condemn him to death penalty. He says even “I give you life in memory of someone who no longer lives”, and this is very powerfull sentence because Matthew's father is sayng that he won't “kill” the evildoer but he condemn him to fell ashamed and suffer all his life for having killed his son.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nmP-PM6tQs>

Matthew's funeral

In this scene Mathew's friend organize a sort of demonstration in memory of their dead friend. They dress up as angels and all together stay in front of a crowd of homophobic protesters. In this way they show their solidarity for homosexual people and their love for Matthew, they want to be a sort of guardian angels for him.

An image of homophobic demonstration, there was a crowd of these people even at Matthew's funeral. This is not fair even because you have to respect a person who died.



Remember Matthew Shepard



**If you've failed to teach
your children to embrace
diversity, you've failed
as a parent.**