



William L. Matthews

March 17, 1937 - July 1, 2021

William Laws Matthews, 84, husband of Geneva (Yancey) Matthews, died Thursday, July 1, 2021 at Birch Gardens.

Mr. Matthews was born on March 17, 1937 in Washington, NC to the late John and Ethel Matthews.

He was a teacher with Staunton City Schools for 40 years and he also worked security for Mary Baldwin for 35 years. Mr. Matthews was a Lay Leader with Augusta Street United Methodist Church. He was an avid sports fan and loved watching old westerns. He will be remembered for sitting on his front porch waving at everybody as they drove by.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Stephon Matthews (Josy) of Newark, NJ and Jacques Matthews of Northern Virginia; a daughter, Kymberly Williams of Atlanta, GA; stepchildren, William Bryant of Colorado, Derek Bryant (Lynette) of Gig Harbor, WA, Jarvis Bryant (Samantha) of Staunton, and Kimberly Moore (Derrick) of Richmond; grandchildren, John Cabrera, Anika Matthews, Passion Matthews, Sean Matthews, Natasha Danielle Williams, Brandi Keyonna Williams, Lindsay Bartley (Davonte), La-Shain Matthews, and Ali-Star Johnson, Jessica Knight-Bryant (Ja Garren), Jazmin Diebert (Zack), William Bryant III, Chancelor Bryant, Chaunci Bryant, Kennedy Bryant, Colby Bryant, Jayla Moore; great grandchildren, Lendell, Legend, Aubree, Ryker, Adrianna, Noah, Judah; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his siblings, Robert Matthews, James Matthews, Sam Matthews, Charlie Matthews, Gladys Foxhall, Evelyn Johnson, Violet Barrows; and grandson, Laketon Matthews.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 pm, Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at Henry Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 206 Thomas Street, Staunton.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 am, Thursday, July 8, 2021 in the Henry Funeral

Home Chapel by the Rev. Lucy Hughes and the Order of Service will be conducted by Pastor John Benson. Burial will follow at Oak Lawn Mausoleum and Memory Gardens.

Active pallbearers will be Tony Bryant, Julian Huggard, Jamie Taylor, Stacy Scott, Tracy Toye and Carson Robinson.

Honorary pallbearers will be Walter Brown and Ernest Holley.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA, 22202.

Cemetery

Oak Lawn Mausoleum and Memory Gardens

VA,

Events

JUL 7 Visitation06:00PM - 08:00PM
Henry Funeral Home

JUL 8 Funeral Service 11:00AM
Henry Funeral Home Chapel

JUL 8 Burial
Oak Lawn Mausoleum and Memory Gardens
VA, US

Comments



“ I taught with Bill at McSwain Elementary School. He always had the interests of his students at heart. He had a great sense of humor too. He and I would joke about him being born on St. Patrick's Day. I would tell him that he was the only Black Leprechaun I knew. He would laugh and laugh. He will truly be missed. Suzanne Goff Meeks

SUZANNE G MEEKS - July 07 at 09:35 AM



“ Mr. Matthews was a kind person who I had the pleasure of meeting on the tennis court at Montgomery Hall Park in Staunton, Va. We had many games together and he was always the same person whenever we met. I am sorry to hear of his passing and is sending up prayers for the family. I will always remember him as a friend and a fun person to be around. George Taylor.



George Taylor jr. - July 07 at 01:35 AM



“ Mr. Matthews wasn't one of my teachers but everyone knew who he was. Everyday I passed by his classroom in between classes, he always made me laugh. Whether it was telling me my shoe was untied or I had something on my back, just to say gotcha! And usually I fell for it lol. A very sweet man. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Crystal (Baugh) Baldwin - July 05 at 11:19 PM



“ Geneva, Jacques and family. Our prayers to you and your family at this time. Mr Matthews was such a caring teacher and wonderful person. Take comfort in knowing he is with our Lord and Savior and God is your is Comforter and will be with you always.



Sarah Pannell-Crenshaw, April and Chris - July 05 at 09:09 AM



“ Geneva
This is Mike Zelena. We worked together at Wards years ago. You were always so kind helping when I first started. So sorry the hear about your husband. Prayers to you and your family. Have thought of you often over the years.

mike zelena - July 05 at 08:28 AM



“ Mr Matthews was the only reason I graduated he pushed me and believed in me he was an amazing man and teacher my sympathy to his family and prayers

Katie Cornelison Campbell - July 04 at 10:14 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family in your time of sorrow. Death can not remove the memories that each of you will continue to share. GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU. JOAN H WILLIAMS, COLUMBIA MARYLAND



JOAN H WILLIAMS - July 04 at 09:31 PM



“ My prayers are with youall during this difficult time.
We know God make no mistakes.
April Casey

April Casey - July 04 at 04:25 PM



“ I never had Mr. Matthews as a teacher, so I didn't know him all that well, but I've always found my interactions with him to be very friendly and pleasant. He had a really good repore with people and a great sense of humor. He shared a classroom alcove with one of my teachers, (Ms. Miller) and they got along well. They always had the most hilarious interactions between them. My thoughts and prayers go out to Jacques and the Matthews Family.
Chris Barnes Robert E. Lee High School, Class of '86

Chris Barnes - July 04 at 01:46 PM



“ I hated math ... until I had Mr. Matthews in the 6th grade at Shelburne. That was probably my best year of math! And he never forgot me when he would see me out around town, he always spoke and called me by name. He was a teacher who left a very positive mark on my life. May he rest in eternal peace.
Tami Harris Quick. Robert E. Lee High School, Class of '77

Tami Quick - July 04 at 02:42 PM



“ Bill's classroom was down the hall from mine. He was a very caring teacher with a positive attitude toward helping his students to learn. He interacted well with both students and faculty members. I will always remember his smile and willingness to help. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Carolyn Kinzie Carpenter
Carolyn Kinzie Carpenter - July 07 at 02:30 PM