



Donald J. Matthews

January 23, 1948 - August 6, 2013

Donald J. Matthews, 65, of Knox, died Tuesday morning, August 6, 2013, at his home. Born January 23, 1948 in Brookville; he was the son of Gertrude Ganoë Matthews of Clarion and the late Glenn Matthews.

He was married on September 19, 1970 to the former Frances A. Raybuck, and she survives.

He was a Vietnam Veteran with the U.S. Marine Corp.; He then served with the U.S. Army Reserves in Brookville, retiring after 22 years.

Donald first worked for Don Lewis Construction; He then was a member of the Local 10 Brick Layers Union where he worked as a Brick and Stone Mason; He last worked for Wagner Tarps in Brookville.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 720 of Knox and VFW Post 2145 of Clarion, where he was Past Commander and Long-Time Quarter Master.

Donald enjoyed riding his trike and motorcycle; He also enjoyed mowing, wood working, and most of all, his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his mother and wife, he is survived by a daughter, Gina Clark and her husband, Matt, of Shippenville; and a son, Chad Matthews of DuBois; grandchildren, Marina Wilson, Tanner Wilson, and Kali Clark, all of Shippenville, and Tyler and Payton Matthews of DuBois.

Also surviving are five siblings, Judi Matthews of Strattanville; Sharon Clinger and her friend, Jake Miller, of Shippenville; Glenda Allen and husband, Cliff, of Yuma, AZ; Bob Matthews and wife, Tammy, of Sligo; and Peg Howe and husband, Perry, of Clarion.

He was preceded death by his father; a son, Wade Matthews; and an infant son, Derek Matthews.

Family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2013, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 9, 2013, in the funeral home with Pastor Harold O. Jacobson, pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church of Clarion, officiating.

Interment will be held in the Starr Cemetery in Knox, where military honors will be accorded by American Legion Post 720 of Knox.

Comments



“ Fran, Gertrude, Judi, Peg, Glenda, Sharon, Bob,
So sorry to hear of Don passing may god be with you all in this hard time

Wanda Viselli (Peterson) - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Frannie and children... I am so sorry too hear this news.. I always have thought a lot of Curly.. and You also Fran. My heart breaks for "All" of You. I know my Dad, Billy Joe welcomed Him as I know He always liked Curly.. I actually never knew Him growing up as Don, because Dad always called Him Curly and as a child I thought that was His "real name". May He be enjoying the ride on that "highway in the sky" He will be missed seeing Him around on the trike, with the "American Flag" always proudly displayed.. R.I.P. Curly and for All of You, I will be praying for strength to get you through this.. Again, You have my condolences.

Brenda Campbell - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Fran i am so sorry for your loss of Curley. I did not find out until this evening. My heart is breaking for you and yours. The world will miss such a great man. I will miss laughing with him and his serious talks. Frannie if you need me call me 814-319-8050. lots of love. Cindy

cindy bell strotman - August 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of the Matthews family. We are proud of Don's (Curley) service to the Nation.

Karen and Don Conley - August 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart goes out to the entire family. Keep your good memories close to your heart.

Kim Talboo - August 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all on the loss of your beloved husband, father, grandfather, son and brother, Don. May your happy memories help you through this time of sorrow. We can only hope knowing that he is finally at peace with the angels will help to lessen your pain. We are sure he is looking over you all. Heck; he is probably in heaven with Uncle Glenn dancing a jig waiting on all of you to join them one day. Love you all.

Denny & Deb Laughlin - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Fran, Gina, Chad and the Matthews family. So sorry to hear of Don's passing. I have a lot of fond memories of my younger days with Mom and Dad Matthews. He may have been tough on the outside, but he had a teddy bear heart. I always felt like another daughter of his. He will be sadly missed.

Lucy Snyder - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ To Fran and Sharon and all the Matthews family, please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. Curly and I were friends from High School and on any occasion we got to meet afterward. I saw him last at the Ross McGinnis church service near Knox. Both of us went to honor America's fallen hero, Curly in a suit and me still in uniform. We had a good visit and time has passed again. Rest in Peace Don. Steve Porter

Steve Porter - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Don's untimely death. You have my deepest sympathy and prayers in this sad time. Linda

Linda M. Peterson - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Kim and Dave - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Frances, Chad and Gina --- Thinking of you all. Dan.

Dan Summerville - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Our prayers go out to his family and friends. He will always be remembered by me as a great friend and the salt of the earth. Whenever I was back home in Clarion and made my way to the VFW, Curly would always say hello and strike up a conversation, have a beer, talk about family and friends. He was heck of a football player as well, when we played for Coach Zwald at CHS. We will all miss you Curly. Rest in Peace.

Leon and Kim Shingledecker - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear the curly passed. I remember all the good times we had at TMC and how good he ws with Todd in the reserves. My prayers are with you and your family.

Bonnie Huth - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your families loss. Thoughts & prayers to you all.

Mr & Mrs Andrew McComish - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. May God hold each one of you in his arms and give you the comfort you need. Uncle Don was a true hero to me. I have looked up to him my whole life.

Semper Fi Uncle Don. May you rest in peace.

Love,

Tom, Marrijane, Tyler, Shay and Lucas Groves

Marrijane Groves - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Fran, Gina, and Chad

I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Curly was always a hero to me! He served our country and loved his family. I was proud to be his nephew. I enjoyed hearing all the stories at work from the guys who served with him. They all thought the world of him.

Todd Matthews - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Don's passing. Praying for you and your family.

Terry & Karen Dittman - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with all of you.

Carol Stanford - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Curly graduated with my sister, Cheryl, who also sends condolences. I got to know Curly when we worked together on several construction jobs, including Rhea's Castle Inn, where Curly did a marvelous job on the stonework. He was a good friend. My prayers are with the family. I am sorry for your loss.

Phil Thomas - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so very sorry for the loss of your your kind and gentle father, husband and grandfather. I know there are no words that I can write to give you any comfort. Losing those we love is gut wrenching and painful as you all already knew & know too well & too soon. But I do want you to know I will pray for healing daily for your hearts and for your pain to ease with each tear you shed. Heaven is shining more beautifully now that Mr Matthews and Wade & Derek are embracing again. It's us here that are suffering. But I know God will stay near your wonderful amazingly strong family and help you put one foot in front of the other. My deepest sympathy to your whole family and please know my heart is with you all and anything you need I am here. Much Love and constant prayers for you to find the strength to keep living this life until one day when you are united in eternity. So much Love, Kelly

Kelly Quinn - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



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Dear Mathew's Family,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Times like this makes life so unfair. I know you are a close family and I believe that all of you will find strength and comfort in each other. God Bless you all.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Piche'

Rhonda Piche' - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM