



James Mathews

November 3, 2010

Mathews, James Monroe Age 86 of Columbia Heights, went to be with the Lord November 1, 2010. Preceded in death by son, Thomas; grandsons, James and Michael. Survived by his wife of 63 years, Lucille; children, Pat (Elmer) Cmiel, Mary (Gary) Heilmer, James B. Mathews, Cindy (Jim) Johnson, Mickelene Phillips, and Joseph (Sue) Mathews; also survived by JoAnn Mathews and Gregory Phillips; 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. US Navy Veteran of WW II. Retired 38 year employee of Soo Line Railroad. Thanks to the staffs of Benedictine Health Center Innsbruck and Unity Hospital. Mass of Christian Burial 11 AM Thursday, November 4, with visitation 1 hour prior at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton. Interment Ft. Snelling. Washburn-McReavy Columbia Hghts Chapel 763-789-4436

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Dear Dad, It was 41 years ago today, that your son married me at Saint Timothy's. I remember it was a nice Nov day. I also thought all of our parents were "old". Now I realize how young we all were. Yes, I was the bride in your home, thanks to you & Lou getting the basement ready for our reception, Grandpa Spicer providing the music, Joe and Mickelene were just little kids. Mary passed on a sterling silver roasting pan to me & I have been using it for 41 years now! Patty always made sure I felt welcome (you all did) but Pat was the motherly sister-in-law back in those days. As time went by, all of the Mathews became my best friends, each in their special ways. Everyone of them! I love all of you more than ever. The grace of my mother-in-law, your wife has been a life long gift to me. Just knowing she is here is comforting. I still see you, hear you and miss you as I think about days gone by. I wonder if maybe you are hanging out with my mom & dad. I miss them too. How lucky I was to have all of you. It is the Christmas season, and I know we all miss you. The family continues to grow, thanks to all those Grandchildren of yours. Watch over us Papa. I love you. JoAnn

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JoAnn Mathews,

Champlin, Minnesota

JoAnn Mathews - November 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hi Dad it's been a year, seems just like yesterday. The family is still trying to deal with your great loss. I sure miss you. love patty*

November 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *DAD I wish a Happy Father's Day Here's a big kiss and hug. i miss you very much, I know you are with me. LovePatty*

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pat cmiel,

arden hills, Minnesota

pat cmiel - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I have a little story to share: In January, Jim was at Fort Snelling picking up Christmas decorations we had put there in Dec. Jim was just "hanging out" with his dad when he looked up to see a red tailed hawk flying above them. Then a flock of wild turkey's walked by and Jim turned to look as a couple deer lingered near by. God's wild animals was a silent message that day. Jim said: Well, I know dad isn't alone, with a smile. The story was touching & I wanted to share it with all of you. I also miss my dear father-in-law. I think of you & forever hold you in my heart. Love JoAnn

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JoAnn Mathews,

Champlin, Minnesota

Contact Me

JoAnn Mathews - March 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Dad I'm thinking of you and miss you.love Mary Lou*

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mary heilmer,

mpls., Minnesota

mary heilmer - March 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *I find my heart full of wonderful memories,I miss you. Happy Birthday.IOVE patty*

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pat cmiel,

arden hills, Minnesota

pat cmiel - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say...but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above.Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you." It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone.As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.I need you here badly; you're part of my plan.There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man. God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do.And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight.God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night.When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving yearsbecause you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er.I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;but together we can do it by taking one day at a time.It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too...that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain,then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain."And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile, knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low, just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when it's time for you to go.... from that body to be free, remember you're not going.....you're coming here to me. Ruth Ann Mahaffey (author) © Copyright 1998-2010 <http://www.ruthann1.com>

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JoAnn Mathews,

Champlin, Minnesota

JoAnn Mathews - December 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ To my friend Pat and the entire Mathews family, my sympathy and prayers to you all. I'll always remember the days back in SLP and coming over to your house. What a neat family! Rest in peace Mr. Mathews.

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Claudia Lindblad Johnson,

Belleville, Illinois

Claudia Lindblad Johnson - November 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Jim's 86th Birthday.*

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JoAnn Mathews,

Champlin, Minnesota

JoAnn Mathews - November 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *I salute your veteran. My condolences for your loss and gratitude for your loved one's service to our country.*

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JoAnn Mathews,

Champlin, Minnesota

JoAnn Mathews - November 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Father-In-Law: I am proud to have been in your family for 40 plus years. You and Lou and the entire family welcomed me with open arms to your loving family. The shy girl from S.D. soon was kissing and hugging everyone like the rest of the Mathews. Perhaps this was one of the most valuable things I learned from all of you. Thank you. My memories especially take me back to Hackensack. Again, this was a first for me: "Going up North". The "hunting shack experience", was truly a gut wrenching laugh for years to come....."will you just open the flippin window", will turn down the heat then! Oh my, did I have a lot to learn. Those were the best times with family. You were truly an amazing father-in-law and proud Grandpa and Great Grandpa! Like a flock of geese, Lou never waivered from you. When a goose is injured or shot down, 2 other geese will leave the flock and go down and stay with the injured until it is okay or dies. Lou did just that. What a example of love and integrity. That is what I learned from your family. Looking at the pictures of your life, I realized what a very strong man you were from the get go. To leave home at 16 and then go to war at 17 for 4 years to fight for our freedom. Thank you James M. Mathews. As tomorrow is Veteran's Day. Thank you for all your sacrifices. I will miss you. I will never forget you. I thank you from the bottom of my heart, all I learned from you: Love and smiles, hugs, railroad stories, the cabin and the lakes, faith in the Lord, the importance of family. All your photos showed your love and pride of the Mathews family. Your big blue eyes will always shine in the sun, the sky, flowers, memories and even on a rainy day. My life was better because of you. Rest my dear father-in-law. I love you. JoAnn

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JoAnn Mathews,

Champlin, Minnesota

Contact Me

JoAnn Mathews - November 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To my Grandfather who taught me his love of fishing on Webb lake in Hackensack Minnesota. You rest now, we love you Grandpa. Jesse Mathews

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Jesse Mathews,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jesse Mathews - November 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *My prayers are with you in this time of sadness. Jim was a great man and I learned so much from him. Myself and many others at BHCI will miss him so much.*

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kim erikson,

blaine, Minnesota

Contact Me

kim erikson - November 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *TO my sister's and brother'sDad held us in his arm's,now we holdhim in our heart's. Love Patty*

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pat cmiel,

arden hills, Minnesota

pat cmiel - November 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Lucille & Mathews family, You have all been in our thoughts and prayers this week. Jim is now with the Lord and at peace. He was a nice man, a good roommate for my dad at Benedictine Home, and a navy guy too (like my dad). Lucille, we will continue to keep you in our prayers as you go through this time of transition. God bless you and your entire family.

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Mary & John Stevens

November 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Lucille and Family, God bless you all during this difficult time. I talked to Jim on Friday and as always he gave me that little smile and nod of his head. He was a very nice man to have as my dad's roommate at the Benedictine Center, he will be missed. Sheila Kieffer

November 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of you at this time of sorrow and hoping you will find comfort in warm memories of our very special Uncle Jim. We will miss him very much. Gerri Bergman and Family

November 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I stood in front of the sympathy cards and cried thinking of your great loss. Your family sets the standards for love and kindness. You are all in our thoughts and prayers as we remember years of unconditional support from you. We will miss Uncle Jim's stories told with those dancing eyes. Take care of each other and hold on tight. With great love, Karen and Jack*

November 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ *My sincere sympathy goes to the whole Mathews family. I have so many memories from when we were neighbors in Blaine. Your family puts a smile on my face. I wish I could be there to wrap you all in my arms at this very sad time. Take care my dear friends. Mr. Mathews is resting in God's arms now.*

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Kay Oslund-Hjulberg,

Florence, Arizona

Contact Me

Kay Oslund-Hjulberg - November 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Michael talked often and fondly of his Uncle Jim. It was wonderful being a part of your family for a while. Barb (Dowell) Fashant

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Barbara Fashant,

St Paul, Minnesota

Contact Me

Barbara Fashant - November 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM