



Robert Eugene Mathews

July 30, 1950 - May 12, 2022

Robert Eugene Mathews of Matthews, NC passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 12, surrounded by family. He was the son of Vernon and Mary Mathews born July 30, 1950, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He married his high school sweetheart Jan in 1970, and was a proud Purdue Boilermaker. He graduated in 1972 with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and ultimately a Master's Degree from Kettering University. Bob and Jan raised four amazing children.

The family was always active in their church home. Bob was involved in the bus ministry, the Living Christmas Tree ministry and lighting for cantatas at Bethesda Baptist Church in Brownsburg, Indiana. He was the superintendent of Sunday school at First Baptist Church in Zeeland, MI and he sang in the church choir. He and Jan moved to Matthews, NC in 2000 and became members of Calvary Church.

After a fabled career as a dragon slayer and tamer of wild beasts for Haworth Corporation, Bob could be found at Squirrel Creek Farm in his garden or at Renfrow's Hardware with his dog Ty.

He was a gentleman scholar, a man of God, a lover of music, the theater and baseball who never met a stranger. He loved to discuss baseball, history or whatever came up at any given time, and was always willing to share facts and figures from Bob's College of Useless Knowledge.

Throughout his life he put his family first and is survived by his wife of 53 years Jan, his children Stacey and Jeff Klein, Kari and Chuck Ricks, Cory and Becky Mathews, and Kyle and Stephanie Mathews, grandchildren Ben and Karina Klein, Sam, Josh, Joey and Leah Klein, Rhyannon, Leo and Amelia Ricks and Taylor Mathews, his mother Mary Mathews, sister Becky Birdsell and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In Lieu of Flowers the Family requests donations in Bob's memory be given to Wake Forest Baptist Lymphoma Research Program in Winston Salem, NC. https://give.wakehealth.edu/site/Donation2?df_id=1560&1560.donation=form1&mfc_pref=T

Services will be held on Tuesday, May 17th at Calvary Church. Visitation will be from 11:30 AM - 1 PM, with service at 1 PM. A private family burial will be held later at Historic Matthews Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Church
5801 Pineville-Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28226

Burial

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Tribute Wall

TT

“ I'm missing our talks. I finally found this picture of you in your element. We're in Houston, to meet with our customer, Methodist. Being a fellow furniture guy, you had to flip the chair over to see who made it during breakfast.



Todd Thompson - May 18 at 01:26 PM

SK

I've seen him do that a million times... thanks for sharing this special memory

Stacey Klein - May 21 at 02:50 PM

MS

“ Bob, I enjoyed so many conversations and listening to your perspective on issues. You were and great partner during our careers and after. Jan and family thank you for sharing Bob with so many. Bob my friend, may you rest in peace.

Mike Scherrens - May 17 at 09:04 AM

RK

“ It was my pleasure to work with Bob for several years at Haworth. He was a great person to travel with because time on the road passed quickly but never quietly. I always appreciated his perspective on topics. My prayers are with you Mathews family - you lost a great guy.

Randy Kortering - May 16 at 03:27 PM

PB

“ Jan and family- Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time knowing that Bob always did what he thought was best for all.

Pete Bida - May 15 at 08:16 PM

GC

“ It was my honor and privilege to have worked almost twenty years with Bob at Haworth. During that time, he did indeed slay several “dragons” and tame several “wild beasts”. I hope I was able to assist him in those endeavors, but just maybe I was one of the wild beasts that he helped tame. He had a way of offering sage advice in a quiet and unintrusive way. Often with a sense of humor mixed in. In our many conversations, we did discuss history, baseball, world events, and corporate events. The knowledge he shared was always useful to me. To Jan and the family, may you find comfort in knowing that he was always proud of all of you. He showed his love for all of you openly. Thank you for sharing him with us.

Greg Crips - May 15 at 04:08 PM

JB

“ My brother Tim and I grew up next door to Bobby and Becky Mathews, have known him for over 70 years. We hunted crawdads from the creek, climbed trees, played in our old row boat sand box, ice skated on the creek and Bobby and my brother Tim would spend hours setting up their army men only to bomb them with dirt clods! Watched him grow up, get married, have his children and grandchildren! He was one of the Godliest men I knew! His Savior and family always seemed to come first. Love and prayers to his family! ❤️🙏



Judy (Harper) Bare - May 14 at 02:19 PM

CS

I'm saddened to learn of Bob's passing. He was a favorite co-worker and a special gentleman! Praying for peace and strength for his family.

Carol Springer - May 18 at 10:21 AM