



Donald M. Matthews

May 6, 1932 - April 7, 2019

WESTBROOK – Donald Melvin Matthews, 86, of Westbrook passed away at his home on Monday, April 7, 2019.

He was born in Portland on May 6, 1932, a son of LeRoy and Myrtle (McLearn) Matthews and attended Falmouth High School for three years.

Mr. Matthews served in the United States National Guard from 1949 until 1951. He was an Air Force Veteran from 1952 until his honorable discharge in 1956. It was while he served in the Air Force that Mr. Matthews obtained his GED. He worked for the Portland Railroad Terminal from 1956 until his retirement in 1982.

A brick mason by trade, he worked after hours, weekends and months at a time if laid-off by the railroad. He was very proud of his work and often pointed out to his family which buildings or houses he had built. Mr. Matthews built his family's first house on Hunnewell Road in Scarborough.

After retirement from the railroad, he drove the shuttle bus for Brighton Medical Center, shuttling employees to and from parking lots through out Portland. Everyone just loved him. Mr. Matthews would walk them to their cars for safety and helped clean or shovel their cars off.

He coached Little League in Scarborough then became Umpire-in-Chief for six years. A good round of golf was a specialty with him. He was a member of the Good Sam Club and his favorite place was Boothbay Harbor. Mr. Matthews also loved going to yard sales and antique shopping.

Mr. Matthews was predeceased by his parents; brothers, Lee, Russell and Robert Matthews; sisters, Vivian Olsen, Florence Matthews, Mary Paulin, Elisabeth Fredrick, Wilma Matthews, and Jean Thomas.

He was married to the love of his life, Marie R. Napolitano for 66 years.

Surviving besides his wife are his daughter, Cynthia Carrier and her husband, Steve; his son, Donald J. Matthews and his wife, Vickie; grandchildren, Jessica Matthews Thayer and her husband Andrew, Nicholas J. Matthews and his wife, Nadja, Christopher E. Matthews, and Joshua Carrier; great-grandchildren, Seth Therault, Samuel J. Thayer, and Emilia N. Thayer.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 12, 2019 from 10:00am until 11:00am at the Westbrook Chapel of Dolby Blais & Segee, 35 Church Street, Westbrook, ME 04092 where a Memorial Service will be held at 11:00am. Burial to follow at Riverside Cemetery, Yarmouth.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Good Shepard Food Bank, PO Box 1807, Auburn, ME 04211.

Happiness is to be found along the way, not at the end of the road, for then the journey is over and it is too late.

Cemetery

Riverside Cemetery

Smith St.

Yarmouth, ME, 04096

Events

APR **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Dolby, Blais & Segee -Westbrook Chapel
35 Church Street, Westbrook, ME, US, 04092

APR **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Wishing I could hug all of you at this time and share fond memories of my favorite uncle, part of my earliest ones, from when he was 12 and I was 4. Uncle Don was always fun, generous, and thoughtful. I loved him and know he's with all the other Matthews, who I miss so much and my dear Daddy, (Cardy Olsen) who taught him masonry. Fondly with love Carol Hall (Olsen, Daughter of Cardwell and Vivian Matthews Olsen).

P.S. I would appreciate a street address or phone numbers for Donny and Cindy, I don't do computers. 603 Palo Alto Redlands, CA 92373 (909) 798-1188

Katie Bresnahan (Carol's daughter) - April 12 at 03:33 PM



“ Sherry Berryman lit a candle in memory of Donald M. Matthews



sherry Berryman - April 12 at 07:35 AM



“ So sorry for your loss your Dad was a good man, thinking of all of you and know my thoughts go out to you

sherry Berryman - April 12 at 07:40 AM



“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



Josh Carrier - April 11 at 04:30 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald M. Matthews.



April 11 at 12:46 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Josh Carrier - April 10 at 05:36 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald M. Matthews.



April 10 at 01:27 PM



“ Dad, I'll never forget our last embrace and yes, I will honor the grave like you taught me and care for it. I will sit in the grass near you and talk to you and believe you hear me.

Cindy Carrier - April 10 at 12:37 PM



“ I'll never forget the day my papa got on his hands and knees (pictured here) to try to get my son Sam to crawl. He loved his family and would do everything for us. He took such amazing care of my grandmother as she battles dementia. He was there for every event I had growing up. In fact, at my state softball game in high school he was literally in the field for the last out he was so excited for us. He wore his heart on his sleeve. He will be missed. I'm lucky to have so many memories in my heart. Love

you Papa!



jessica thayer - April 10 at 10:46 AM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Josh Carrier - April 10 at 12:29 AM



“ 4 files added to the album MIMI AND PAPA VISIT



Josh Carrier - April 09 at 06:26 PM



“ He was a great man and I feel lucky to have had him as my Uncle all my life. He made every family event enjoyable, and quite often memorable. I have so many great memories but the late night Christmas Eve's will always be with me and even on this sad day bring a smile to my face. His sharp and dry wit stand out as I think back, such a great addition to the Napolitano family. You'll be missed Uncle Donald. A life well lived indeed.

Peter, Liz and family.

peter rickett - April 09 at 05:24 PM