



Donald Allen Matthess

July 15, 1948 - August 6, 2019

Donald Allen Matthess, 71, of Columbia, passed away on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at his home. He was born on July 15, 1948 in Des Moines Iowa to Kenneth and Verna (Warner) Matthess.

He attended Pueblo High School in Tucson, Arizona and entered the Marines in 1966 and served in Vietnam. He was awarded many medals including the Purple Heart Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Presidential Citation, and Good Conduct Medal.

Donald was a very loving and caring person who would do anything for anyone. He was always worried about his family and loved spending time with them. He was a talker who would always talk to a stranger. His greatest love was dirt track racing.

He is survived by his sons: Donald Matthess Jr. of Camdenton, Aaron Lewis (Dena) Matthess of Fulton; daughter: Anna (David) Matthess-Johnson of Fulton; brother: Robert Matthess, 7 half-brothers, 1 half-sister; grandchildren: Mariah, Aaron Jr., Jamie, Patricia, Justin, Tyler, Michael, Danny, Sarah Elizabeth, Malayna; great-grandchildren: Nathaniel, Natalea, Zariah, Kamura, Zamayha, Maleah, Azzah, Braelynn, Glaeson, Kidron, Michael Jr., Benjamin, Adain, many nieces, nephews and other family members. Donald was preceded in death by his parents, 3 sister-in-laws: Jean, Kathy, and Frances, and 2 nieces: Kristi and Summer.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Fulton Ward Meeting House, 1603 Kingswood Drive, Fulton, Missouri, with a family gathering from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the church. Interment will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at Missouri Veterans Cemetery-Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Arrangements are under the direction of Parker-Millard Funeral Service and Crematory; 12 East Ash Street, Columbia, Missouri, 65203; (573) 449-4153. Condolences may be left

online for the family at www.ParkerMillard.com

Cemetery

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

25350 State Hwy H
Waynesville, MO, MO,
65583

Events

AUG 13 Memorial Service 04:00PM - 05:00PM

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints-Fulton Ward
Meeting House
1603 Kingswood Drive, Fulton, MO, US, 65251

Comments



“ Don, you were always young at heart.. wild and grounded at the same time. I went to your service yesterday.. I could feel you and I could feel Jesus. I was taken back to a day, when we talked all day and we talked about Heaven that day. It was right after Summer died. I know, that you know now, it was all I was so sure it was and so much more than I'm able to imagine. It was so good to meet more of your family and put faces to the names I've heard so much about. Their sadness without you was so overwhelming. Jesus mourns with those who mourn, He is drawing close to them. Your family has a special place in God's heart and they're gonna know it. I wish that I could be there Thursday for your sending off, to see you honored for your service to our country. I will never forget the sacrifice you made for every one of us through your service. I'm still processing the loss of you and it will take time, I'm just so thankful I was able to be there yesterday. You were as family to me. I love you Jesse James!! Party hard w Jesus and the Angels!!!



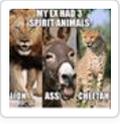
Tisha Burchett - August 14 at 12:01 PM



“ I met Don and his family, when we were in our early teens. We both attended the same local church for many years. We shared many good memories. Some of which were very funny to us, but not so much to the adult recipients of our shenanigans. Don spoke proudly of his service in the Marines. Don mentioned the time when Bob Hope visited the troops in the hospital he was in as he was recovering from a tragic encounter with a land mine. He was very appreciative that Bob Hope personally took the time to stop at his bed and cheer him up. That was how Don was, upbeat and positive, even in hard times. I will always be thankful for his friendship and for the sacrifices that he and countless others have made for our freedoms. We can all look forward to the time when Christ will abolish the last enemy, death. 1st Corinthians 15:26

Chuck in Seattle, WA

Chuck - August 13 at 04:39 PM



“ I will miss him so. I remember moving to Az with Eric, didnt know anyone, all my family was here. And Eric inteoduced me to Don and ill never forget it, he made me feel right at home and from then on he would always kid around with me. Always made me laugh. When i met him he was working for the cab company, and he would always have stories to tell me and etc. And it was so hard kot to laugh. That was just Don always making you smile. Ooo but i seen him severly mad a couple times, but that wasnt often... He used to tell my girls the boogie man ate his finger and they better not pick their nose. Cause thats what happen to him.. He will sure be missed.. Love ya... R. I. P Don....

Sheila Belisle - August 09 at 09:42 PM



“ I'd known Don for 15-16 yrs. and the one thing I'll always remember about Don Mathess, is his huge smile, and it was contagious. You couldn't have a conversation with the man without having a good laugh about something or another. I could always refer to him as a friend, and I know he will be missed by so many. I'll keep his family in my prayers during this difficult time for them.

Shelly - August 08 at 10:34 PM



“ Don was A Good Friend To Me. I Met Him I Think Around 2003. Was Always There. Ricky and I will Miss Him And Think Of Him Often. R.I.P.

Ricky An Renee Coffelt - August 08 at 08:57 PM



“ You were the best father n law.. A wonderful Father and Grandpa.. Always worried and always lending a helping hand to anyone you loved...

Dena Matthess - August 08 at 10:30 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, I remember Don from growing up in Tucson, He was always so nice to me, Please know you are in my Thoughts and Prayers.

Sheila Kelsey - August 08 at 09:33 AM