



Billy Ralph Matthews

November 7, 1936 - April 23, 2017

Billy Ralph Matthews, 80, of Ozark, Arkansas, died Sunday, April 23, 2017 in Ozark. He was retired Office Manager/Water Technician at AECC Fitzhugh Steam Generating Plant, a member of First Presbyterian Church of Ozark, and a graduate of Arkansas Tech University. He was born November 7, 1936 in Ozark. He is preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Mary Bernice Heffington Matthews and grandparents A.D. and Myrtle Tucker.

Billy is survived by his wife, Milanie Souza Matthews of Ozark; a daughter, Leslie Krigbaum and husband Bill of Booneville, Arkansas; a sister, Sara Nell Matthews Zeigler and husband George of Colorado Springs, Colorado; three step-grandsons, Eric, Ryan, and Garrett Krigbaum; a granddaughter, Nancie Pierce; a great grandson, Jerik Lindley; his nephew Michael Zeigler and wife Mary; and his niece, Mary Zeigler Silva and husband Elcio.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel in Ozark with Brother Michael Johns officiating and burial at Highland Cemetery under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers are Michael Zeigler, Bobby Qualls, Randy Melton, Frank Furstenburg, Richard Caulk, and Ralph Spencer.

The family will visit with friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Tuesday, April 25th at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 901 University Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72207.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
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Service

APR **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Ralph Matthews*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *Fantastic man. Love his laugh, sense of humor, compassion and friendship. Many, many fond memories.*

Greg Tucker

Greg Tucker - May 14, 2017 at 12:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy Ralph Matthews.*



April 25, 2017 at 09:24 PM

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“ *Lanie and family; My condolences for your loss. My husband Roy G. Nichols and Bill go back to first grade and the full years at Ozark School system. Many stories and tales over the years about school, hunting and motorcycle trips. In 1954 Billy Ralph was the best man at our wedding. Great friends like Bill are few in a lifetime and therefore very difficult to say good by. May your good memories give you pleasant comfort.*

Mary Ann Nichols

Mary Ann Nichols - April 25, 2017 at 05:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Ralph Matthews.*



April 24, 2017 at 09:09 PM



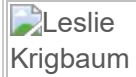
“ *I'm John R. Coley, Billy and I grew up in Ozark together. My family had Coley's Store and Billy's had Matthews' Hardware. One of my fondest memories is when Billy and I were playing at his house. Billy came up with these great pre-Frisbees, his grandmothers "old" records. The old memories are the best. They're always there with you when you need them the most. My condolences for your loss. Enjoy all the "old memories".*

John Coley - April 24, 2017 at 07:48 PM



*I am Leslie, Billy's daughter!
Thank you so much for sharing your memories with us!
Mom and I hadn't heard that story. We got a kick out of it!*

Leslie Krigbaum - April 25, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ *My dad was a great man.
I have many many wonderful memories of him.
He was a wonderful husband, an amazing dad, fabulous
grandfather and great-grandfather! He was a good friend to many
people!
I am so thankful that I got to be a part of his life for almost 50 years!
Heaven gained a wonderful angel today!
You will forever be in my heart, daddy!
I love you*

Leslie Krigbaum - April 24, 2017 at 06:42 PM



“ *Oh, what incredible memories!!! As "buddies" since the first grade,
Billy and I spent a LOT of time with each other. Our walks up the
railroad tracks towards Manitou with our trusty .22 rifles in
hand...making sand caves and castles in the "hollow" behind our
home...riding his Harley 45 on a gravel Highway 23...building stick
and paper model airplanes together...watching TV in the Matthew's
back room when you could hardly make out what the tiny black and
white picture was even about (Herbert had one of the first TVs in
our little burg)!!! And the list goes on!!! Good times in a good era in
a good town to grow up in. Save a seat for me at our Lord's feet,
Billy! We're all on the same journey and I'll see you someday.*

John Greer

John Greer - April 24, 2017 at 04:29 PM



*Thank you so much! I am sure there are so many stories you can tell!
You were a good friend to dad.
Thank you for sharing your memories!*

Leslie Krigbaum - April 25, 2017 at 10:06 AM