

MEMORIES...



“Together Again”

Pall Bearers

Family and Friends

Flower Attendants

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Interment

Woodland Cemetery
3123 Indiana Avenue
Winston-Salem, NC

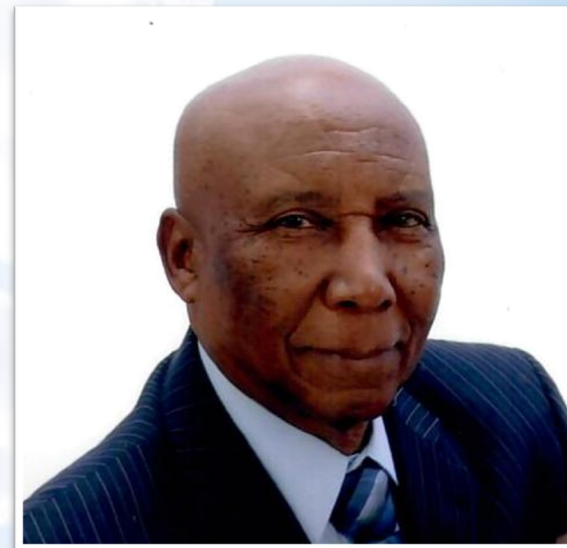
Acknowledgements:

We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement.

The Family



CELEBRATION OF LIFE



JAMES T. MATTHEWS

October 3, 1932 ~ November 23, 2024

SERVICE

Saturday, November 30, 2024
11:30 A.M.

Clark S. Brown & Sons Chapel
727 North Patterson Avenue
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Elder Dwight Glenn, Officiating



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Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101
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OBITUARY

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Mr. James Thomas Matthews was born October 3, 1932 to Gwyn C. and Ada Matthews in East Bend, NC. He was the youngest of 13 children and the last living sibling.

James graduated from Yadkin High School in Boonville, NC and was married to Shirley Jean Glenn Matthews. United for 60 years, James and Shirley were blessed with four children, Beverly, Alicia, James “Donnie” and Janeia.

From 1951 to 1953, he served in the United States Army. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Winston-Salem and worked for Bassick Sack for 4 years. He then worked for RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company and retired after 28 years of service. When he worked at RJR, no one knew him as James because everyone called him “Catfish”. One day while at work, a call was received asking for James Matthews but no one knew who that was.

For over 30 years, he was a faithful member of Winston-Salem First and he truly loved his church family. There he served as an usher and a member of the Legacy Group.

James loved to garden. He also loved hunting rabbits with his prized blue blood beagle. His second passion was fishing. James raised goats. He began with one for milk, but soon had a herd of about 30-40. James said goats made terrific lawn mowers.

Although he was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Jean Glenn Matthews, he is survived by his children: Beverly (Melvin) Anthony, Alicia Wall, James “Donnie” (Susanne) Matthews, and Janeia (Jonathan) Knox; six grandchildren, Tiffany (Frank) Wilson, Eric (Erin) Anthony, Brandon Matthews, Xavier, Nicholas, and Alyssa Knox; four great-grandsons: Caden and Asa Wilson, Easton and Everson Anthony; sisters-in-law, Peggy Glenn Littlejohn and Brenda (Mack) Steadman; brother-in-law, Clyde Glenn; caregivers, Che’ Collins and Aaron Barnes; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional
Clergy and Family

Family Visitation
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Opening Words
Elder Dwight Glenn

Scripture Readings
Old Testament
Deacon Clyde Glenn
New Testament
Elder Dwight Glenn

Prayer
Elder Dwight Glenn

Selection

Obituary Read Silently

Special Tributes
Jonathan Knox
Tiffany Wilson

Selection

Speaker
Ms. Betty Thomas

Alter Call
Elder Dwight Glenn

Military Honors

Committal

Recessional

OUR TRIBUTE

We, the family of James Thomas Matthews, in humble submission to the will of God, acknowledge His divine wisdom in calling our beloved Dad, James, home to eternal rest.

Our Dad was a man of unwavering faith, kindness, and strength. He touched the lives of many with his wisdom, generosity, and sense of humor. As a devoted husband, father, and friend, his love knew no bounds.

Dad was known to many in the community and never met a stranger. Rarely did he address people by their real names, he gave everyone a nickname. He even referred to his own children by nicknames- (Bunk, Piege, Toab, and Jay).

His home was an open door to all, and he always helped anyone in need. He welcomed others with open arms and no judgement. He made you feel comfortable to be yourself.

He was the true definition of a renaissance man. He raised goats, was a beekeeper, bred beagle dogs for hunting, played the guitar and was a highly skilled gardener. He even had message delivering pigeons at one point in his life!

Our Dad lived a very blessed 92 years of life. He was born as the youngest of 13 children. He was spoiled and adored by all his sisters and he looked up to his older brother John. In adulthood, he was blessed to have worked at RJR Reynolds for 28 years. Furthermore, he was married to our phenomenal mother, Shirley, for nearly 60 years.

Most importantly, Dad was a saved man. He accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Dad devoted his life to always honoring and loving the Lord. He was a member of Winston-Salem First and served as an usher for many years.

Dad taught us to always be humble, serve others, and let your actions speak for themselves.

We are forever grateful for the love and lessons he shared, which will continue to guide us. His legacy of compassion and resilience will live on in our hearts.

Love, Beverly, Alicia, James (Donnie), and Janeia