



James L. Matthews

June 11, 1945 - April 6, 2020

James L. Matthews was born June 11, 1945 to the late Lonnie Matthews and Elizabeth Sconiers Matthews. He graduated as the valedictorian of the class of 1963 at Lillian R. Brown High School. His death was without warning and it appears he died peacefully in his sleep.

He married twice and from these marriages came ten children.

He worked at Florida Fertilizer for many years and later worked at Florida Fence Post Company. He retired and spent his time working in his garden and restoring an antique car.

He was preceded in death by his father Lonnie; sister, Marie M. Lofton, brother, Kelvin Matthews and 2 grandchildren; Precious Johnson and Lawrence Wesley Smith III.

He leaves to mourn his passing a loving mother, Elizabeth S. Matthews; 10 children, Angela Matthews of Plant City, Noreen Sampson (Reggie) of Ft. Meade, Maria Redden (Tim) of Brandon, Ramona Matthews of Tampa, Vicky Johnson of Tampa, Trista Matthews of Apollo Beach, Jamie Lamar Matthews of Wauchula, ShiRhonda Matthews of Orlando, LaQuandra Matthews of Tampa and James Matthews of Nashville, TN. 1 brother, Lonnie C. Matthews (Carethea) Of Palm Bay; 1 sister, Mae M. Robinson (Bill); 24 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and a host of sorrowing nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will get together for a celebration of life after the Pandemic.

Tribute Wall

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“ I will always cherish the fond memories I have had with Lamar. He was the most loving father and husband and he never missed a moment to say how much he was so proud of his wife and his daughters. He was also a devoted friend to so many of us. He served the community of Sarasota with high honor and Sarasota is losing a part of its heart. Lamar, you will be missed dearly. May you Rest In Peace 💕

Isabelle & David Striplin - March 25, 2022 at 08:01 PM

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“ If only we could turn back the hands of time. I will always hold on to the memories of the good times we shared, my dear Uncle James. I hope you know how much I loved you. Please give my mother Marie and brother Mal a hug for me. Until we all meet again, rest in heavenly peace.



Your niece (and little sister too) and nephew,
Sheryl Matthews Williams
Lynn Williams, Jr.

Sheryl Williams - April 13, 2020 at 08:24 PM

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“ I am very truly sorry for your loss. I attended school with his daughters and loved spending time with them. although i never met their Dad, he raised very fine children. I lost my daddy in 2014, and without the help of JESUS, it would have been hard to handle it. GOD bless your family and may he rest in peace. Mary (Lovette) Callahan in North Carolina.

Mary Lovette Callahan - April 13, 2020 at 02:57 PM

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Thank you for your prayers. We pray God's blessings for you and your family ,

Mae - April 16, 2020 at 09:38 PM

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“ *Mary Lovette Callahan lit a candle in memory of James L. Matthews*



Mary Lovette Callahan - April 13, 2020 at 02:54 PM