



Fred G. Mathews

August 3, 1954 - September 2, 2016

Fred G. Mathews, 62, of New Castle, passed away on the morning of Friday, September 2, 2016 at home.

He was born on August 3, 1954 in New Castle, the son of the late William R. “Dick” and Louise (Roberts) Mathews.

Fred was a 1972 graduate of New Castle Chrysler High School. For many years Fred drove trucks for IMI and was the accounts manager for Hayes and Company. He also owned Fred Mathews Trucking and other businesses. Fred married the love of his life, Lana, on May 10, 1980 and surprised her on her 60th birthday with a renewal of vows ceremony on the Island of Kauai. He had a large compassionate heart and an unending sense of humor. Fred’s love for his family was paramount and in his downtime he enjoyed fishing and boating.

Those left to cherish Fred’s memory include his wife of 36 years, Lana (Knotts) Mathews; a daughter, Erica Mathews of New Castle, two sons, O.B. (wife: Kristy) Caudle of Byrdstown, TN and Chad Caudle of Phoenix, AZ; six grandchildren, Dylan, Evan, Brett, Drew, Dane and Brynn Caudle; a sister, Pam (husband: Sam) Hess of Carmel; a brother-in-law, Brad (wife: Lisa) Knotts of New Castle; a sister-in-law, Kim (Knotts) Miller of New Castle; nieces and nephews, Kristin Hess of Fishers, Katie Helm of Fishers, Megan Willis of Muncie, Doug Huckleby of New Castle and Lacey Thompson of

Spiceland and also several cousins.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Kyle Patton.

A service to celebrate Fred's life will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with David Brock officiating.

The family will receive friends from 3 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Fred Mathews.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
New Castle, IN 47362
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<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

Celebration of Life

SEP 7. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ Lana, I am so sorry to see that Freddie, as he was known to me back in school days, has passed away. I haven't had the pleasure of knowing Freddie down through the years but in our youth and teenage years Freddie was one of the most genuinely likeable, nice, funny guys I've ever known. He was so in love with you long before you two finally got married. I know you now have the difficult task of going on with your life minus the love of your life. Hard stuff. Sending you love and support.
Kirby Bachman a.k.a. Sharon Kirby

Kirby Bachman - November 11, 2016 at 05:45 PM

CD

“ To the family and friends of Fred Matthews, I am sorry for your loss. May you each find comfort in your fond memories, and in knowing God "is close to the brokenhearted". (Psalm 34:18) Our loving Creator has promised that he will soon "swallow up death forever" and "wipe away the tears from all faces". (Isaiah 25:8)
Warm Christian love.

Cheryl D. - September 09, 2016 at 09:47 PM

PH

“ Tom and staff: Thank you all for your caring guiding hand through such a difficult time. You truly care and embraced our sad, devastated family! With your guidance, his service and Celebration of Life was beautiful, just what Fred would have wanted! Your concern for the family was so genuine and much appreciated. I truly hope New Castle realizes what a gem they have in their community!

Pam Mathews Hess - September 09, 2016 at 11:51 AM

PH

“ Thank you all for the kind words, thoughts and prayers! I will forever have a hole in my heart. So much love and respect we had for each other. And those who truly knew him can only imagine the laughs we shared! Though you, mom and dad have left this earth, we will walk hand in hand on that beautiful shore someday. Thank you dear Bubby for sharing a childhood we cherished, a sister-in-law I adore and niece and nephews to cherish forever.

Pam Mathews Hess - September 09, 2016 at 10:44 AM

RO

“ Ron lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews



Ron - September 07, 2016 at 12:25 PM

RS

“ To Lana, our Prayers be with you and family. RIP Fred.

Ron&Tess Supinger - September 07, 2016 at 12:21 PM



“ 54 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - September 07, 2016 at 09:05 AM

SP

“ I don't know where to start. I'm so torn by Freddy's passing, I find myself constantly thinking about it. He has been my friend for many years. I think of the fun and laughter we shared thru those years, it makes me smile as I type. Lana was his soul mate . A true Love if there ever was one. I'm trying to imagine what she is going thru right now, and I cant. Today will be a long day for me. Freddy, you are going to be missed terribly. Goodbye my friend.



Scott Pfenninger - September 07, 2016 at 08:58 AM

MR

“ Mike And Lin Romine lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews



Mike and Lin Romine - September 07, 2016 at 08:41 AM



“ *A Memorial service will be held in byrdstown tenn. Today on the lake you so dearly loved, tall boys for all. Good bye old friend till we meet again. Bob*

Bob Miller - September 07, 2016 at 07:36 AM



“ *Shelia Marion lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews*



Shelia Marion - September 06, 2016 at 08:18 PM



“ *Shelia Marion lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews*



Shelia Marion - September 06, 2016 at 08:16 PM



“ *Shelia Marion lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews*



Shelia Marion - September 06, 2016 at 08:13 PM

SH

“ *Susie Harmon lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews*



Susie Harmon - September 06, 2016 at 04:09 PM

EF

“ *Eric Mathews and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Fred G. Mathews.*



Eric Mathews and Family - September 06, 2016 at 03:03 PM



“ *I remember Freddie Mathews as one of my "wheelie" buddies on Laurston Dr. He held the record for 52 pedals with his front wheel in the air. I also remember pulling our father's lawn mowers behind us on those same bikes to various neighborhoods and mowing lawns during the summer to make some money. What a great guy - bright, funny, fun to be around. I will always remember you, Freddie! My prayers and condolence to the family.*

Tim Harshey

Tim Harshey - September 06, 2016 at 01:29 PM

PH

What a great memory!

Patti Harshey - September 07, 2016 at 07:05 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Fred G. Mathews.*



September 06, 2016 at 01:01 PM



“ *Lana, No words can be spoken to express our sorrow... Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you daily. Your friends at Cincinnati Window Shade*

Jim Frederick - September 06, 2016 at 12:43 PM



“ *we are so sorry to hear about fred, lana..our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family..thinking of you...larry & Janice adkins*

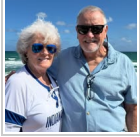
janice adkins - September 06, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ *Freddie Gene and I had a special relationship and I cannot express my pain at losing him as another " little brother." Lana, Erica, and Pam, please be strong and keep your eye on God for his Grace and the strength to help you. My love and deepest sympathy are with you all.*

*Love,
Brenda Pfenninger-Catron*

Brenda Pfenninger-Catron - September 06, 2016 at 09:37 AM



“ Lana, we were so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. He was always so full of life and so much fun. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Gene and Julie Bundy

Julie Bundy - September 06, 2016 at 08:04 AM

TP

“ They don't get any better than Fred! A great guy that always had a smile! Our prayers to Lana and family
Theresa & Rick Pierce

Theresa Pierce - September 06, 2016 at 07:50 AM

DU

“ *David Upchurch lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews*



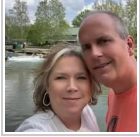
David Upchurch - September 05, 2016 at 09:22 PM

DU

“ *David Upchurch lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews*



David Upchurch - September 05, 2016 at 09:20 PM



“ Lana, Erica, and family, We are so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Sending much LOVE and ((HUGS)) to you.

The Evans Family

Cheryl, Chris, Hank & Cory

Cheryl Evans - September 05, 2016 at 07:40 PM



“ Amy Duvall Smith lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews



Amy Duvall Smith - September 05, 2016 at 06:15 PM

MH

“ Aunt Pam, we are so sorry to hear about your loss. I've been praying for you and especially in this time. While at times the sorrow felt in life can seem unbearable, it is meant to turn our gaze to Him alone who can offer eternal hope and healing. – Romans 8:18-28; Romans 10:9 and 13.

Mark Hess - September 05, 2016 at 05:11 PM

SA

“ Will miss you greatly, Ferd (he called me Buford). Loved you like a brother.

Sam - September 05, 2016 at 12:54 PM

JH

“ Lana and Erica you are in my thoughts and prayers. There really are no words. My deepest sympathy to you and all of your family. I have so many fond memories of Fred.

Jennifer Hoke - September 05, 2016 at 10:06 AM

JR

“ Aunt Pam - We love you and have been praying for you! So sorry for your loss. We are always here for you.
Love - Adam, Jessica, Austin, and Brooklyn

Jessica Rawlins - September 05, 2016 at 08:23 AM

JM

“ May the grace of God carry you through this great loss. Fred was such a funny and special man. I have nothing but fond memories of him from high school. My heart hurts for you and your family.



Janis (Key) Mecklenburg - September 05, 2016 at 06:02 AM

RL

“ Rita Littrell lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews



Rita Littrell - September 05, 2016 at 05:47 AM

RL

“ So very sorry for your loss Fred was a great person...

Rita Littrell - September 05, 2016 at 05:43 AM

JM

“ *May Comfort and Gods Grace be with you Lana and family in this loss. Freddie was always a wonderful guy and loved by many. Will be missed. R.I.P. My friend. Condolences and prayers. Jeff Mendenhall*

Jeff Mendenhall - September 04, 2016 at 09:12 PM

SC

“ *Thinking and praying for the family. We are here for anything you need!*
Love, The Chesher's

Stacie Chesher - September 04, 2016 at 08:42 PM

AF

“ *Anna Sue Fritter lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews*



Anna Sue Fritter - September 04, 2016 at 07:48 PM

MF

“ *Lana, Prayers and hugs to you and your family. Matt and Beverly Ferguson*



Matt and Beverly Ferguson - September 04, 2016 at 07:32 PM

JH

“ *Judy Hoover lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews*



judy hoover - September 04, 2016 at 06:06 PM



Sharon Dabney

Lana, sending hugs and prayers your way. We are so sorry for your loss!

Sharon Dabney - September 05, 2016 at 08:14 AM

CJ

Lana and family, so sorry for your loss. Sending Prayers and good thoughts for you all!

Cathy Johnson - September 06, 2016 at 06:18 AM

LA

“ *Lana lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews*



Lana - September 04, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fred G. Mathews.*



September 04, 2016 at 05:43 PM



“ *Tracy Atkins-Klotz lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews*



Tracy Atkins-Klotz - September 04, 2016 at 05:43 PM

SL

“ *Sharon Lawson lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mathews*



Sharon Lawson - September 04, 2016 at 03:46 PM

SH

“ *My sweet-sweet Freddie, God only knows the reason why and pain you suffered for you to leave us the way you did. Our hearts are broken as we shed tears of grief. May the angels of heaven rap you in their arms as they carry you to peace and glory. I pray for God to give strength to our family as we continue on without you. Our time on earth is so very short as our heavenly family grows, we will all be together again soon.*
With all my love my sweet cousin. Susie

susie harmon - September 03, 2016 at 08:13 AM

AF

Freddie I will always cherish our many childhood memories. I will never forget you and your contagious smile. I love you and may God wrap his loving arms around your loving family.

Anna Sue Fritter - September 04, 2016 at 07:43 PM



So sorry for your loss no words can describe the pain you feel. God Bless you with comfort that only God can give

joyce conyers - September 05, 2016 at 06:13 PM



Dear sweet Lana, our deepest sympathies are with you, and your family! Please know you're in our thoughts and prayers, and we ask for God's loving hands to hold you tight as you go through this time.

Love, Brad and Cindy Howard

Brad N Howard - September 09, 2016 at 06:34 PM