



James Auston Mathews

September 10, 1948 - August 28, 2017

James Auston Mathews, 68, of New Castle, passed away peacefully on the morning of Monday, August 28, 2017 at his home.

Jim was born on September 10, 1948 in Danville, IL, a son of Charles Brooks Sr. and Gladys Lillian (Nunn) Mathews.

Jim was drafted into the U.S. Army and served during the Vietnam War from 1967 – 1970. Jim received the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars and many other awards. He retired from the New Castle Chrysler Corporation after 31 years of service. Jim also worked for the State of Indiana as a Correctional Officer and Security Guard. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post 1282, 32-year member of the American Legion Post 137, AmVets Post 38 and Elks Lodge 1889 of Harlingen, TX. Jim met his wife, Jill Nixon in 1998, together they owned and operated J&J's Karaoke.

Jim enjoyed the veteran's clubs, cookouts, good food, travelling, camping, fishing, playing Yahtzee, driving his tractor, working outdoors on home improvement projects, farm animals, watching western movies and Colts football. James Auston Mathews was a kind-hearted man with a gentle spirit and most of all loved to spend time with his family.

Those left to cherish his memory include his beloved wife and soulmate of 19 years, Jill Mathews; children, Heather West of New Castle, Katie (husband: Zack) Werking of New Castle, Penny (Ronnie) Baggett of Brandon, FL, Rachael Moss of South Carolina and Chad Mathews of New Castle; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Eric James Mathews; infant brothers, Billie Dean and Kenneth Mathews; brother, Charles Brooks "Bobby" Mathews II; sisters, Helen Shoulders, Judy Atkins and Mary Elizabeth Lee.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, September 1, 2017 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Danny Douglas officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition with military honors.

Friends may call from 11:00 am Friday until the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project with envelopes available at the funeral home. You may leave the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

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

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
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Tribute Wall

JM

“ I love you more than words could ever express. I miss you so much that my insides feel numb. You were one of a kind, so sweet and precious. I'm not sure how to live without you. You, my best friend and soulmate, now at peace and rest. Until we meet again, I will carry you in my heart always Jimmy. I love you forever and always.



Jill Mathews - October 21, 2017 at 08:33 PM

PE

“ Penny lit a candle in memory of James Auston Mathews



Penny - September 01, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ 394 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - September 01, 2017 at 06:45 AM



“ *Shelly Blattner lit a candle in memory of James Auston Mathews*



Shelly Blattner - August 31, 2017 at 10:36 PM

BC

“ *I have known Jill and Jimmy for almost a year. When I first met them they were family! I'm going to miss all the karaokes with Jimmy. The kids will miss their Jimmy and going to ride the scooter at the house with him. You will forever be my studmuffin and no one can replace that name in my heart! Love you Jimmy. Rest in heaven! Jill I love you too! You know if you need anything were just a phone call away! Love, Derringer, Britny, Cheyenne, and Lane.*

Britt Cooper - August 31, 2017 at 09:24 PM

JS

“ James is with out doubt one of the most kind hearted men I have ever known, he was one of my very favorite customers, not because he would exchange monies with my company, but because he was so very genuine, kind . James gave so much of his life to others, including or Country. James was a highly honored American Vetren and I never knew him to seek accolades ,he simply wanted to be your friend..James often sheared with me the joy that he finally found his true soulmate Jill , which he loved with all his heart ,I often withnessed his affection to her in such an appropriate way , he was so tender and loveing, she clearly was in his everyday dreams. He was a simple and just man and will surly be found when some of us arrive in heaven. I am so proud and honored to have known such a man.

Gods speed James

You will not be forgotten

Truly Jeff Smiley

jeff smiley - August 31, 2017 at 08:42 PM

JM

Thank you Jeff, well said and so true. He is the love of my life, our hearts beat as one. He was so unique, none like him. He was a very kind and gentle spirit and never knew a stranger. You were a great friend and he thought very highly of you as well. God bless.

Jill Mathews - September 01, 2017 at 07:43 AM

DB

“ Jimmy was the sweetest, most down to earth man, and had a gentle heart and soul. I will miss all the great times I had with him. When I would be out there working he always drove Jill crazy wanting to come help me work even though he wasn't able too. So she would breakdown and go get him in the vehicle so he could watch me work. He wouldn't take no for an answer he was a very stubborn man in a good way I would always laugh about. Cause he would drive Jill crazy until she would come get him. Lol I love memories like that with Jimmy. Jimmy will be missed very much. Rest in piece Jimmy. I love you and miss you very much Jimmy.

David Blankenship - August 31, 2017 at 03:50 PM



“ I always loved listing two Jill and Jimmy sing.you will be missed Jimmy we love you....always a great time with them I love you and going two miss you Jimmy....



Shelly Blattner - August 31, 2017 at 03:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Auston Mathews.



August 31, 2017 at 12:34 PM

KA

“ I have been friends with the Mathews for years. When u r around them it is like a ray of sunshine. They r the nicestest people. They take words right out of each other's mouth. They walk to they same beet of there own drumb. They finish each other's sentences. They r soulmates, tthere hearts beat the same beat. I just love them. They r the greatest friends ne one could ask for. RIP Jimmy/Dad always loved neaver forgotten...



karen - August 31, 2017 at 11:03 AM

KA

“ Karen lit a candle in memory of James Auston Mathews



karen - August 31, 2017 at 10:49 AM



“ Jimmy was such a wonderful man. He will be missed by so many friends and family. We'll forever be grateful for his service in the military. RIH Jimmy! Love Hellen, Terry, and Emma.

Hellen Ackerman - August 31, 2017 at 10:23 AM

JC

“ Although I did t know jimmy as long as everyone else did.....I know we ALWAYS had lots of fun at Kareoke in greensfork when he came with Jill. We will truly miss him there!!!! RIH Jimmy!!!!!!!

Jerry and Cindy - August 31, 2017 at 10:22 AM

JA

“ I will never forget jimmy!! He was such an awesome guy. I will miss hearing him sing those old country songs!! Rest in heaven jimmy, you will be so missed down here!

Jared - August 31, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Auston Mathews.



August 30, 2017 at 10:26 AM

LK

“ OMG, this is so sad to hear about Jimmy, He was a great guy and I have fond memories of him and Jill, singing Karoke at the Moose, Legion and their house, we had some great times and Jimmy will be truly missed..Lisa Koontz, and Son , Timothy...

Lisa Koontz - August 30, 2017 at 07:25 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Auston Mathews.



August 29, 2017 at 10:07 PM

DN

“ Jimmy was a very kind hearted man with a gentle spirit. We loved spending time with him and eating Mexican. He would do anything for you all you had to do was ask. He loved the hymn Amazing Grace so now when we hear it we will think of him. Heaven just got another angel. He will be missed very much. Love & Prayers Margaret & Dew



Dew and Margaret Nixon - August 29, 2017 at 08:31 PM

JO

“ Jeff, Debbie, Tom, Ginger, Brad & Olivia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Auston Mathews.



Jeff, Debbie, Tom, Ginger, Brad & Olivia - August 29, 2017 at 07:08 PM