



## Raymond Howard Matthews

October 6, 1933 - September 15, 2024

Raymond Howard Matthews, 90, of Plainfield, went home to meet the Lord on the evening of Sunday, September 15, 2024 at home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on October 6, 1933, in Salem Park, Indianapolis, Indiana, a son of the late Merrill Bryant and Edith Katherine (Eisenhower) Matthews.

Throughout life, Ray was blessed with high energy and only knew how to get things done by working hard. At age 18, Ray began his career at Link Belt FMC working nights for 24 years and starting a trash business during the day. Ray and his wife, Barbara, founded Ray's Trash Service in 1965, working with his entire family. In the early 1970's, he drilled oil wells in Illinois, Kentucky, and Indiana.

Ray loved the Lord and had a strong heart for missions. He headed up work and witness programs traveling to all states and 21 countries on mission trips. Ray also loved helping start and support churches. He was a long-time member of Calvary Bible Wesleyan Church in Plainfield. Ray had committed much of the Bible to memory and could recite the entire book of Revelations. He was a member of Gideon's International and served on the boards of many Bible Colleges.

Ray's hobby and love was going to auctions. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed hunting all over the world. Ray was also a licensed pilot and loved flying Piper planes. Following the death of his first wife, Barbara, Ray married Kathy Mullins on July 10, 1999.

Those left to cherish Ray's memory include his wife, Kathy Matthews; five children, Becky Bingham-Mink of Oklahoma City, OK, Harry Raymond (Carla) Matthews of Lake Cumberland, KY, Mark (Kathy) Matthews of Marco Island, FL, Donnie (Kari) Matthews of Avon, and Kristy (Braxton) Schoen of Plainfield; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild arriving in December; a sister, Mary (Earl) Radaker of Anderson, many nieces and nephews, and the entire Ray's Trash Service Family.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara (Hauk) Matthews; three brothers, Harley, Harold, and Everett Matthews and one sister, Martha Hauk.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Friday, September 20, 2024 at Calvary Bible Wesleyan Church with Rev. Rollin Mitchell and Rev. Marc Dodrill officiating. Burial will follow in Clayton Cemetery.

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

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be offered to Calvary Bible Wesleyan Church for Missions Outreach.

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.co](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.co)

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The Sproles family and staff are honored to care for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.

# Cemetery Details

## Clayton Cemetery

5896 S CR 0  
Clayton, IN 46118

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Bible Wesleyan Church  
168 Lawndale Dr.  
Plainfield, IN 46168  
<http://cbwconline.com/>

## Funeral

SEP 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Bible Wesleyan Church  
168 Lawndale Dr.  
Plainfield, IN 46168  
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# Tribute Wall



“ I met Ray at LINK-BELT back many years ago and was glad to make his renew our friendship at The Hardware store over the last fifteen years. Not many like him left. He will be missed. My condolences to his family.

Thomas Marshall - September 20, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ MAC Corporation purchased the Memory Becomes a Treasure Tribute Blanket for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.



MAC Corporation - September 20, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.



September 19, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.



September 19, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.



September 19, 2024 at 09:45 AM



“ Darrell and Sherri Herald purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.



**Darrell and Sherri Herald** - September 19, 2024 at 09:23 AM



“ Valerie Abernathy, Jon & Alan Payne family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.



**Valerie Abernathy, Jon & Alan Payne family** - September 18, 2024 at 09:21 PM

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“ Ray I only met just a few times when I worked at rays trash service from April 13th 2013- September of 2022 when it was acquired by waste management. His son Donnie Mathews hired me and was a great man to work for. Donnie always told us how the business was started by his dad Ray with one truck which is amazing what it turned into! Ray was a very nice man to meet. He was always going to the auctions and buying really cool stuff! Whenever he would come over at the shop in Clayton he would always walk around and say hello to everyone. Ray raised some great children that's for sure and it was a pleasure to work for them....prayers to the Mathew's family! Godbless you all!..... Andrew swearingen

Andrew swearingen - September 18, 2024 at 09:12 PM

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“ The Tharp family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.



The Tharp family - September 18, 2024 at 08:29 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.



September 18, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.



September 18, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ Union Bible College & Academy purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.



Union Bible College & Academy - September 18, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ Kathy I know he was your world you Loved him so much and took Care of him Ray Lived a Long Life and got to see alot of things May he REST IN PEACE and Love & Hugs from Me Nancy Fulcher.

Nancy Fulcher - September 18, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ Hall Family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.



Hall Family - September 18, 2024 at 11:57 AM

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“ Lowell and Jessica Lynn purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.



Lowell and Jessica Lynn - September 18, 2024 at 09:09 AM

LA

“ Ray was so loved!! He was a wonderful man!!



laura arnold - September 18, 2024 at 08:28 AM

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“ The O'Neals purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.



The O'Neals - September 18, 2024 at 08:27 AM

RF

“ Rick Sharpless and family. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.



Rick Sharpless and family. - September 17, 2024 at 08:06 PM



“ *Tim Noonan lit a candle in memory of Raymond Matthews*



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**Tim Noonan** - September 17, 2024 at 05:37 PM



“ *I met Ray in the early 1970s while working at Link Belt. He and I and 2 other men always ate our supper together every night. And sometimes I'd leave my work station and go talk with him at his work station. I learned a lot from Ray. He was one of the wisest people I've ever known. And I've always said that he's one of the best men I've ever met. God Bless his family and God Bless Ray..... Tim Noonan.*

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**Tim Noonan** - September 17, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Howard Matthews.*



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September 17, 2024 at 10:29 AM