



Freddie Lee Mathis

February 27, 1936 - November 13, 2013

Freddie Lee Mathis, 77 of Richmond, Virginia departed this life Wednesday, November 13, 2013. Our hearts are saddened by the loss of our beloved. He was born to the late George Mathis Sr. and Alberta Ozts in Edgefield, South Carolina on February 27, 1936. He is preceded in death by his siblings Albert, Little George, Josie Ruth, Sam and Thomas Mathis.

He attended Bettis Academy and Junior College in South Carolina which was closed in 1955 and was significant for its role in higher education of African Americans from the late nineteenth through the mid-twentieth century. Freddie married the love of his life and best friend, Edith C. Mathis and from that union four children were born.

He was a true self-employed businessman who made his mark in Richmond, the owner of Freddie's Grill for more than 35 years on North Avenue. Freddie was part of his community. At times his establishment was used for promoting political candidates that were running for various offices in the city. He was a former member of Northside Business Association and Club 533. He was also an active member of the Masons, Henrico Chapter 41. He loved life and gave love to everyone around him. Freddie will always be remembered as a loving, fun-filled, spirited man who was humble and patient. Not only was he a great husband, father, grandfather, brother and special friend to many, but the family provider as well.

Our Freddie was a true reflection of God's love. He was a member of Providence Park Baptist Church where he received his spiritual guidance. Freddie had a wonderful warm spirit about himself. He will be greatly missed and we will never allow the light to flicker and continue to carry his torch to eternity. He was an inspiration to his family. He always had encouraging words for the family he loved so much. Freddie always found good in everyone. To know him was to love him. Freddie was a very compassionate and caring person.

He enjoyed taking his family camping, cooking, going to the movies and was known as an avid reader.

He leaves to cherish his memory loving and devoted wife of 57 years, Edith C. Mathis; daughter, Zanthia Mathis; three sons, Ronald, Wayne and Freddie Mathis; four grandchildren, Jacqueline, Danielle, Felicia, Stephanie and Wayne; two sisters, Nelba McClennon (Ernest) and Helen Smith; one sister-in-law, Peggy Beatty (Bill); two brothers-in-law, Grover Willingham (Yvonne) and Larry Willingham (Virian); and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

NOV 18. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

NOV 18. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

NOV 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Providence Park Baptist Church
468 East Ladies Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Freddie Lee Mathis*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the family of Freddie Lee Mathis:
Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Death is the enemy of all mankind, yet when it touches us personally, few seek the comfort they search for. The doctrines that are taught concerning death find their origins from men and not the Bible. As a result, they fail to leave those who are grieving with comfort or a hope. They do however, leave many with unanswered questions. The response that "God works in mysterious ways" or that "God needed another angel", does not satisfy the spiritual needs of those who are grieving. However, many have found comfort in the pages of God's word the Bible (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). In God's word we find the promise that we can be reunited with our loved ones (John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15). The Bible tells us where this happy reunion will take place (Psalm 37: 11, 29; Matthew 5:5). We are told why we die (Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12), and that the God of the Bible will end death forever (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:3,4). Learning the truth about Jehovah, the God of the Bible (Psalm 83:18), God's Kingdom (Daniel 2:44), and the state of those who have died (Ecclesiastes 9:5), is the start to finding true comfort concerning loved ones who are sleeping in death (John 11:11-14; John 8:32). For more information please visit the website jw.org.*

A Friend - November 24, 2013 at 01:47 AM

LJ

“ I will always cherish the memories of my “Uncle Brother”. Thanks for teaching me that men can and do cook. My sympathy goes out to Aunt Edith, first cousins Zanthia, Ronald, Wayne and Freddie. May God continue to Bless and keep you safe.

Leonard Jones and family

Leonard Jones - November 19, 2013 at 07:48 AM

BS

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b.waddey sr. - November 18, 2013 at 08:59 PM

HA

“ Today and always, may loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hamilton (neighbor)

Hamilton - November 18, 2013 at 07:59 PM

LF

“ Our family would like to express condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing." Our prayers are with your family.

Sincerely,

Linn & Family

Linn & Family - November 18, 2013 at 05:49 PM

MS

“ Malissa Short lit a candle in memory of Freddie Lee Mathis



Malissa Short - November 18, 2013 at 11:38 AM

RG

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Mathis, he and his family was so nice to my family when my father passed away in July. I am so thankful and grateful for the delicious meal he prepared and had sent to my home by Zanthia and Ronald. May God bless your family in this difficult time.

Regina Greene - November 15, 2013 at 01:30 PM

PL

“ I am sorry to read about your loss. May God's words in the Bible at Ps 34:18 provide you comfort. The scriptures tells us "HE" is near to those broken at heart, and those crushed in spirit HE saves.

Peggy Land - November 15, 2013 at 05:45 AM

DA

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort in family and friends at this difficult time. The Bible gives hope that soon our Creator Jehovah God will end all suffering, pain, and death. And we have the hope of being reunited with our loved ones that have passed away. Rev 21:4, John 5:28-29.

Delores Allen - November 15, 2013 at 04:56 AM

JO

“ When I look at that picture of Mr. Mathis, I see his son Ron. The resemblance is so strong. I never met Mr. Mathis, but his son, Ron, always spoke proudly of him. Ron always talks about Mr. Mathis --- the father, restaurant owner, historian of family memories. I know that Mr. Mathis will be deeply missed, but God will stand by you and guide through this difficult time. My deepest Sympathy to the Mathis Family. --- Frances Jones



jones - November 14, 2013 at 05:54 PM

FC

“ Even though I did not know Freddie personally, I really wanted to express my condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. God truly cares how we feel and He is eager to reunite those that have fallen asleep in death with their loved ones once again. His word the bible speaks of this time occurring in the very near future when death will be a thing of the past. I wanted to share with you three scriptures, Isaiah 25:8 and Revelation 21:3, 4. I truly hope that those bible verses bring you comfort during your time of sadness.

fc - November 14, 2013 at 02:54 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - November 14, 2013 at 12:50 PM

TJ

May God continue to hold you all in your time of sorrow. Always remember that God is still in control, and He will give you perfect peace who's mind is stayed on Him. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help"! Psalm 121;1 Your father was a great gift to so many and we feel blessed to have been graced with his presence! Gone but not forgotten!
Love you all!
Sincerely Larry & Tonia Jones

Tonia Jones - November 15, 2013 at 12:42 PM

AJ

TO MS. MATHIS & FAMILY, MY HEART GOES OUT TO EACH OF YOU IN THE LOSS OF MR, FREDDIE. ALWAYS KNOW THAT MR, FREDDIE WAS A DEAR FRIEND, A TRUE CHAMPION, AND GENTLE GIANT. GOD BLESS AND MUCH LOVE TO ALL OF YOU, FONNIE

ALPHONZO CHRISTIAN JR, - November 16, 2013 at 09:59 AM

JJ

Mrs. Mathis & Family,

I extend my deepest sympathy to you and family. I know that Freddie surely will be missed. He was a good conversationalist, harbored great wisdom and a wonderful philosophy of life. I sincerely enjoyed listening to his point of view on several issues as I paths crossed from time to time through the years. May God bless his family and he forever rest in peace.

*James Cooper, Jr.
Providence Park Baptist Church*

James Cooper, Jr. - November 18, 2013 at 06:55 PM