



Mark A. Matthews

May 13, 1956 - January 7, 2025

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Mark A. Matthews, age 68, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family and friends at 11:29 a.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at Select Specialty Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

Mark was born in Jasper, Indiana, on May 13, 1956, to Augustine and Barbara (Haas) Matthews. He was the youngest of 11 children.

He was a 1974 graduate of Jasper High School.

He was a United States Army Veteran, serving in Vilseck, Germany.

He was a truck driver for Jasper Engines for 35 years; he had driven 1.5 million miles without an accident. He was the founder and owner of Matthews Duplex Rentals.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Jasper K of C, and the German-American Social Club in Cape Coral, Florida.

Mark enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, taking walks, watching sports,

especially Notre Dame, going to NASCAR races, going to Florida and entertaining friends there, and he loved making new friends, had a great sense of humor, and loved ice cream.

Surviving are two daughters, Kashana (Ahmed) Afifi, Evansville, IN, and Marissa (Kurt) Bottles, Evansville, IN, three grandchildren, Alexia, Mason and Jada, one sister, Patti (Richard) Cacioppo, Omaha, NE, four brothers, Robert (Barbara) Matthews, Ferdinand, IN, Kenneth (Mary Alice) Matthews, Loogootee, IN, Richard Matthews and Paul Matthews, both of Florida, one sister-in-law, Alfrieda Matthews, Rockport, IN, and two brothers-in-law, Bill Wolf, Dubois, IN, Dave Holtz, Holland, IN, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are three sisters, Diane (Don) McAllister, Brenda Wolf, Mary Holtz, and two brothers, Austin and John Matthews.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mark A. Matthews will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 13, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper, Indiana. The American Legion Post #147 will conduct graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. Mass time at the church on Monday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.

Online condolences may be made to www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

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Tribute Wall

DP

“ Mark was truly a great guy, he had my uncle’s estate, extremely trustworthy, I just found out a little bit ago, I’ve been texting him a couple times, thought it was awful strange that he did not text back... So I just googled him in Jasper and found out that he passed away in January 7 months ago 😞 ... my kids and grandkids are going to be shocked... I’m sure him and Uncle Jack are having a good 🙏 time, they were close!!

Duane Patton - September 07, 2025 at 09:50 PM

JD

“ Mark, you were our first landlord when we moved from Miami to Jasper. You were always kind to us. We sat and had many conversations. This last time you came out of the hospital we laughed because you asked me if you looked good, and I said you've looked better. It was a great honor to know you and share many stories. But one of the things I am most thankful for this last time was to pray with you and sit with you, as you shared how precious life was after the long stay you had in the hospital. Thank you for having a loving heart. For loving my family and I. - Pastor JD and the Ramirez Family.

John David - February 01, 2025 at 01:16 PM

DW

“ my condolences to the family and friends of Mark. I to was stationed with Mark in Vilseck Germany. Shared my last room there with him drove him to frankfurt airport to fly home for passing of a sister. That was last time i saw him. Called him a few months back ago, great conversation. Great man. R.I.P. Mark

Derik Watson - January 16, 2025 at 12:01 PM

TB

“ *Mark was our neighbor. He would drive past our house and blow the horn, and wave. He was truly a great gentleman! RIP Mark!!*



The Beier's - January 14, 2025 at 07:14 PM

SK

“ *I only met Mark two years ago when visiting Jasper on a Girls' Trip with his sister, Diane. Mark showed his kind heart, love, and deep commitment to family when that sister became terminally ill a few months later, and he drove weekly to Louisville to be by her side. Those visits allowed me to learn so more about him and his big heart. I was happy to know he considered me a friend. Enjoy your reunion with your sister Diane, my special friend! You will both be forever in my heart.*



Sandra Kunzler - January 13, 2025 at 11:30 PM

HF

“ *Mark was such a nice man! Our family will miss him.*



Holly Farhar - January 13, 2025 at 03:13 PM

IK

“ Mark where do I begin. I couldn't have asked for a better friend and roommate when we were stationed together in Germany for the Army. My mother even commented that God was involved when we were paired up as roommate's. We were so much alike in everything we did. We remained best friends for over fifty years calling each other weekly confiding in one another about property real estate, cars, Birthday's Holidays etc. We were supposed to grow old together. There is a big hole in my life now because you're not there to give me your input on advice. I will miss you a lot. RIP my friend.



Ingo Keller - January 13, 2025 at 12:30 AM

JW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jim Wagner - January 12, 2025 at 07:58 PM

EM

“ Never a dull moment at the beach with Mark! There so many good memories and stories from our trips to Florida!
Erik Matthews



Erik Matthews - January 12, 2025 at 05:35 PM

AB

“ *Ann & Jeff Berg lit a candle in memory of Mark A. Matthews*



Ann & Jeff Berg - January 12, 2025 at 01:34 PM

DH

“ *I don't think we ever had any problems we couldn't talk about while he was driving truck for Jasper. Engines are on his way to Florida and back. We've talked to many a times and we always did. I'll miss you, mark*

Duane hostetter - January 10, 2025 at 01:05 PM

DH

“ *Saying Goodbye to my long life friend and my condolences to his family. I'll miss him over the time. I don't think*



Duane hostetter - January 10, 2025 at 12:55 PM

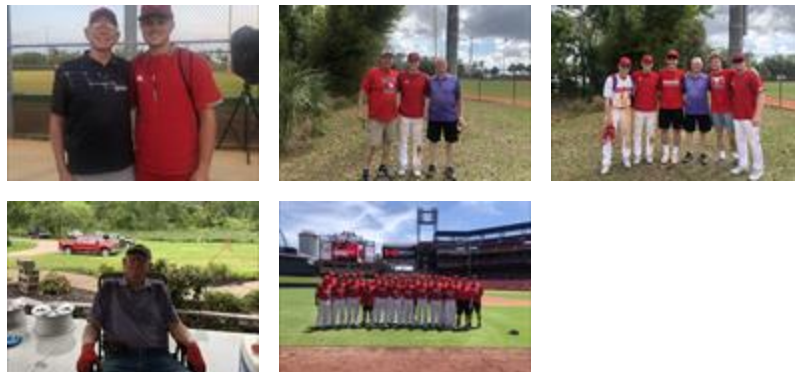
PM

“ *Mark was a great friend. Very helpful and caring person. He was a student when I was teaching and a student I will Always remember. Thanks Mark for being trusted friend for many years. Pat Mullen*

Pat Mullen - January 10, 2025 at 11:17 AM

BA

“ *Mark was a pleasure to be around, he will be missed by many* 💔



Bauer - January 10, 2025 at 09:18 AM



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Tom Jones - January 09, 2025 at 09:17 PM

PH

“ *Sorry for the loss of Mark. We were stationed together in Vilseck 50 years ago.*

Pat Hennessy - January 09, 2025 at 08:40 PM

“ Our hearts here in Florida are truly breaking with the passing our our dear friend for over 12 years, and long-time, GASC Oktoberfest Housing “Ambassador”.

Jacob, his friend and band member that stayed with him over the years for Oktoberfest and many of his holidays, texted the Zimmerkapelle the following translated message: "Unfortunately I don't have any good news for you. Mark passed away in hospital yesterday evening after a serious illness. I was with him in November when he was diagnosed and since then his condition has steadily worsened until he was released yesterday after a long period of suffering."

Mark began hosting band members in 2013, the same year Tony and I joined the committee. Mark had a big heart and always went the extra mile to ensure everyone had a wonderful time in Cape Coral.

During the 2024 Oktoberfest, despite being extremely ill, Mark checked himself out of the hospital in Indiana and drove down to host his friends. We had the opportunity to have many long conversations where he sincerely expressed his love for housing the band members and for our Oktoberfest. He also had a deep appreciation for the German American Club and valued me and Tony as his dear friends and fellow club members.

Mark was an occasional “snowbird” who lived full-time in Jasper, IN. Whenever the club hosted special events, he would always fly down to stop by and say hello. He especially loved our Oktoberfest and never missed any of the events surrounding it. There were times when he would fly back to Indiana during the weeks break to mow the lawns of his properties in Indiana. Of course, he always made sure to return in time for the next weekend's Oktoberfest!

Mark was a very dedicated member of the German American Social Club, even when he couldn't be here all the time.

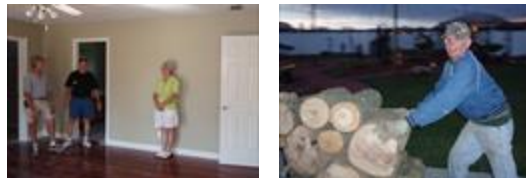
Mark will always be honored by our band members, our Oktoberfest Band Housing Committee Members and any GASC member that was fortunate enough to meet him. May you rest in peace Mark! You will truly be missed.



Julie Krenn - January 09, 2025 at 02:04 PM



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Tom Jones - January 09, 2025 at 11:41 AM

CR

“ *Cathy A Randolph lit a candle in memory of Mark A. Matthews*



Cathy A Randolph - January 09, 2025 at 08:24 AM



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Tom Jones - January 08, 2025 at 10:33 PM

LO

*Mark Matthews was my son's & my parent's landlord when moved to Jasper at different times! He was always very professional & maintained the units & the property scrupulously & was always trying to make his property top notch!
May Mark Rest In Peace & May his family remember him as a great guy! Linda & Brenda Smith*

Linda (Smith) O'Connell - January 09, 2025 at 12:40 PM

NS

“ *When we were planning our move to Jasper, folks told us the name "Mark Matthews," and we rented from him without seeing the unit/s...just because his reputation preceded him. When we met him, we immediately knew this was our guy. He has been wonderful to us and for us! His humor matched ours and we enjoyed sparring with him. He took his "responsibilities" as landlord very seriously and always took care of any need immediately. Everyone will acknowledge no rental properties in this area were as well cared for as Mark was meticulous! He was always sooo very good to all of us - we were not his tenants - we were his "children" (even those of us who are older!) and he loved us. He will be sorely missed.*

Nancy Spahalski - January 08, 2025 at 08:06 PM

NS

“ Nancy Spahalski lit a candle in memory of Mark A. Matthews



Nancy Spahalski - January 08, 2025 at 07:50 PM

DT

“ I am saddened by this news. Mark was a great landlord to my daughter when she was just starting out on her own as a single mother at a young age. I will always be grateful for the kindness he showed her and our family Rest in peace Mark. You have earned it!



Denise Truelove - January 08, 2025 at 04:42 PM

BA

“ I met Mark 60 years ago while playing baseball, at Gutzweiler Park. Years later, we re-connected at a Jasper Reds baseball reunion. At the time, we were looking for somebody to drive players to Youngstown, Ohio. I asked Mark & he agreed to do so & he had a blast. He helped with equipment, etc. & continued do so from then on. His last trip with us was July of this year, when we played in Ft. Wayne. Mark & I shared a moment last June when he drove players to St. Louis for our game at Busch Stadium. We said we sure are a long way from Gutzweiler Park! Mark was a very kind man who always helped anyone in need. He certainly will be sorely missed. RIP, my friend.

Bob Alles - January 08, 2025 at 04:15 PM

SC

“ From Shirley Weidenbenner: Mark was a great “the best” landlord. He was always so kind and helpful. He liked to play little pranks with me and my neighbor. He always kept the building and grounds in top shape. I will miss him very much. God’s blessings to the family.
Shirley

Scott - January 08, 2025 at 02:32 PM

MD

“ Mark was such a kind and personable friend. He and my husband had a great connection. When Mark was a kid he played on Jim's Little League team the Indians. They didn't always win a lot of games but always seemed to get the prize for selling the most candy bars. Mark and Jim got many laughs about this over the years. RIP Mark you will be missed.

Marilyn Dittmer - January 08, 2025 at 02:06 PM

MS

“ Mark J Schulte lit a candle in memory of Mark A. Matthews



Mark J Schulte - January 08, 2025 at 02:00 PM