



Robert A. Matthew Obituary

November 30, 1922 - October 12, 2009

Dr. Matthew was born in Anderson, Indiana, November 30, 1922, to Roy Ashbury Matthew and Nancy Kendall Matthew. After his mother died tragically, Bob was raised by his dad and stepmother, Bessie, until junior high school, when he moved in with his Aunt Ruth Matthew, Uncle Art Matthew, and Aunt Blanch Matthew. He graduated from Anderson High School in 1941, where he was President of the Student Council and Honor Graduate. He received a special merit scholarship to Indiana University, where he attended college for 2 years. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the Alpha Chi Sigma National Chemical Honorary Society, and the swimming manager as a sophomore. He entered active duty in the Army in May of 1943 and underwent basic training in Fort Benning, Georgia. He, then, attended The Citadel College in an Army Specialized Training Program. From there, he transferred to Vanderbilt University where he began the Pre-Med program. After completing this program, he attended The Medical College of Georgia, where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree on June 6, 1949. While attending The Medical College of Georgia, he met the love of his life, Marie Duncan, to whom he got married on June 19, 1948. He completed his internship at U.S. Army - Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, Georgia, and went on to complete his Anesthesiology Residency and training at University Hospital in 1952. He was an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology for 2 years, when he was called to duty in the Korean War. Serving at the 24th Station Hospital as an Anesthesiologist, he was promoted

to Captain and received the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service. On October 19, 1954, he was hired at Phoebe Putney Hospital as the first Board Certified Anesthesiologist. He also was one of the original physicians on staff at Palmyra Park Hospital, which is now Palmyra Medical Center. In September 1955, he welcomed his first child, Nancy. In 1956, he became a Diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology. In February, 1959, he welcomed his final child, Art. When he wasn't sleeping patients, he was a very active farmer. He loved to hunt. He actively supported his Indiana Hoosier Basketball, and Georgia Bulldog Football. He was the founding partner of Albany Anesthesia Associates. He served two consecutive 5 year terms on the Medical College of Georgia Foundation Board of Directors from 1984-1994. He served the Medical College of Georgia Foundation as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and member of Executive Committee. He was the president of the Alumni Association at the Medical College of Georgia in 1982, and received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Medical College of Georgia in 2002, in recognition of a life of distinction, eminence, and excellence. He was a member of the American Medical Association, Georgia Medical Association, Dougherty County Medical Society, and Covenant Presbyterian Church. He retired in December 1997, after 43 years of service to the Medical Community.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert A. Matthew Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *I am sadden to here of Dr. Matthew passing away last Oct. I really didn't know him, but I met him during a time he was at my Dads funeral several years ago for Carl Matthew. As I can tell that Dr. Matthew and Carl shared a passion for hunting. Robert surly reminded me of Carl when we met. God bless them both.*

Paul Matthew - November 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I just wanted to give you my condolences for the lost of your loved one. We have all lost a loved one in death and during this trivial time it can be very hard to endure. One way that I was able to find comfort was through God's word the Bible. God makes a promise to us that at Revelation 21:4 no more pain, sickness, or death will be anymore. God is not a lie so we know that his promise will come true for all. If you have anymore questions please go to www.watchtower.org for more information.*

Jamia Meeks - November 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nancy, I'm so sorry for your loss. my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. I'm here if you need anything.*
Susan

Susan Maloof - October 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Marie:
*How sad I was to learn, today, that your Robert died earlier in the month. I don't know where I have been, but am so sorry I did not know this earlier.
My sincere sympathy to you and your dear family. Know you will all be in my thoughts
and prayers....*

Patsy Martin - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Nancy and family,
I was so sorry to hear about your dad. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

mary frances green - October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dr. Matthew was a great man and I'll always remember him as being very good to me and my family. I enjoyed and will always my trips to his farm to work, play, eat BBQ or hunt and thought he and Mrs. Matthew, Nancy and Artie were very special people and good friends in my life in Albany.

Danny Van Deventer - October 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Ms. Marie and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Dr. Matthew was a wonderful husband, father, and friend to all that he touched. He always encouraged others and gave wise advise in a manner that casused you to listen. I remember especially as a very young mother he advised me to love my children unconditionally and to lead them by example. He led by example. I feel blessed for the priviledge to have worked for him. I will continue to pray for comfort and healing for your family.
Jimmie

Jimmie Etheridge Goode - October 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ Dear Matthew Family,
I had the honor of knowing Dr. Matthew during the years he volunteered for blood pressure screenings at Phoebe. He was such a wise and caring man. I always enjoyed being around him. My thoughts and prayers will continue to be w/ you. Take one day at a time and keep the memories alive.

Cathy Ivey - October 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ We are deeply saddened for your loss and know how Dr. Matthew will be missed. Our prayers are with all of you.

Emily and Phillip Plummer - October 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Nancy and family,
Our prayers are with you at this time. Although I did not know your daddy well in person, I knew your daddy! His name always rang around our house with the utmost respect, and his love of hunting put him in the company of those who hold the highest regard for nature in all its wild and ever-discovered beauty. May the peace he has now be as joyful as the peace he found in the South Georgia woodland. God has with Him now another special soul.

Love,
Ardella and family (especially Melissa and Ryan)

Ardella Montgomery - October 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ My sympathy to the Matthew Family. I will forever remember this awesome man and his **WONDERFUL** sense of humor. He will be deeply missed.

Jan Robinson - October 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Mrs. Matthew, Nancy, Artie and family, You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I have such fond memories of your Dad and the times I spent at your house. Take care.

Tommy, Dottie and Phillip Bridges

Dottie Sandison Bridges - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Marie!

Milli Sample - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *My condolences to the family.*

Dewey Cannon - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *My memories of Dr. Matthew go back some 35 years ago, when he was an avid supporter of high school football at Deerfield. He always knew how to bring a smile to your face as he worked in a teaching moment to help you grow, based upon the wisdom he had gained through life. Dr. Matthew was truly a genuine, caring, Christian man, who was the same no matter when you saw him. I am thankful for his service in the Army, and the many lives he touched through his career as an accomplished Anesthesiologist, but more importantly as the wonderful husband and daddy for his wife and children, as he truly led by example in this area. I appreciate greatly the times that I hunted with both he and Artie, as these are special memories in my life. Dr. Matthew was also an encourager....regardless of what you were facing, he had words of encouragement that helped you face head-on what was in the way. I know this world has been left a better place through the life of Dr. Matthew, and I count myself as very blessed to have known him and learn from him. I know through the grace of our Savior, we will see him again one day, when we reunite in heaven.*

Jeff Harris - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Nano and family, please know how much we know Dr. Matthew was loved and how much He loved all of you. I felt very lucky to have known Dr. Matthew over the past 30 something years, Nano and I (Bon-Ami-which Dr. Matthew named me which means MY FRIEND) shared a lot of fond memories. It was always special when Nano & I would come in and Dr. Matthew was eating himself a vidalia onion sandwich!! I know He will be missed by many friends and family. Know in your hearts that we are all praying for you and your family. Your friends always, Amy and Wayne Reno

Amy Reno - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Dear Marie,
Allen's and my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Allen always held a special place in his heart for Bob. Wish we could come to the services, but we are just not able at this time. Allen said when he heard of Bob's death, that we are just losing all the good ones.
Please accept our heartfelt sympathy-
Faye and Allen

Allen and Faye Turner - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Dear Marie, Artie and Nancy,
I echo my parent's feelings...what a loss! I remember how much I enjoyed working with Dr. Matthew. He will be missed.
Ya'll are all in my thoughts and prayers-
Nancy

Nancy Turner Brown - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ Marie, I pray that God's support will be with you in the coming days. The thoughts and prayers of your friends are there also.
Sincerely, Faye

Faye Sweat - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Hello, Nancy. Thinking of you and your family. Our families go back a long ways at Covenant Church days and then later in the Junior league!

Nancy Reimer - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ We will miss you during our hunting trips, and the fellowship that goes with it.

Wayne & Christine Lay - October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ GONE TO A PEACEFUL LAND AND NO PAIN TO FOLLOW. I WAS A MAN, A HUSBAND , A FATHER AND GRANDFATHER. I AM NOW THE GUARDIAN ANGEL FOR ALL OF YOU. THE LIGHT THAT SHINED THE WAY FOR ME LAST NIGHT BROUGHT WITH IT SUCH DELIGHT AND I KNOW WITH ALL I AM YOU WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER ME. PLEASE SMILE EACH TIME I COME TO MIND AND ENJOY EACH DAY THAT YOU FEEL MY LIGHT SHINE. LIVE MY CHILDREN FOR LIFE IS SHORT- LIVE FOR THE DAY THAT WAS GIVEN AS A GIFT TO EACH OF YOU. ALWAYS STRIVE TO MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE....

NANO WE LOVE YOU AND LET YOUR FAMILY KNOW WE SEND OUR SPECIAL THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.
LOVE LISA AND EDDIE HUNT

LISA AND EDDIE HUNT - October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Nancy you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Rani*

Rani Pace Bailey - October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Nancy, Artie and family, we are so sorry for you loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Dimi & Thomas Williams - October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM