



Michael J Mathews

March 28, 1948 - March 30, 2018

Michael J. Mathews, 70, died Friday, March 30, 2018, at IU Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was born March 28, 1948, in LaPorte, Indiana, to the late Bernard (Bud) Mathews and Alene Sramek Mathews. On September 1, 1973, he married Geraldine Collins at S.S. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, in North Judson, Indiana.

Mike was a Veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Germany. He retired from NIPSCO after 33 years. He also worked at the Grand Kankakee Hunt Club, and Kankakee Marsh Hunt Club for many years as a hunting guide and game processor of their hunting catch. Mike enjoyed the outdoors very much and spending time with his grandchildren. He hunted anything from deer, rabbit, squirrel, duck and pheasant, to mushrooms. He enjoyed yearly fishing trips to Ludington, Michigan, with his wife, two children, and five grandchildren. Mike passed on his love of the outdoors and wildlife to both his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed all sports, but especially loved college basketball and cheering on the Notre Dame Irish men's and women's teams.

He is survived by his wife, 'Gerri' (Collins) Mathews, one daughter, Shannon (Brad) Whitaker, of Lafayette, Indiana, one son, Shane (Amanda) Mathews, of San Pierre, Indiana, five grandchildren, Aubrey, Aiden, Cooper, Colson, and Braxon, one brother, Brian Mathews, of Tucson, Arizona, and two sisters: Susan Chesak, of Florida, Margaret Spencer, of U.S. Virgin Islands.

Visitation will be Friday, April 6, from 4-8pm at O'Donnell Funeral Home in North Judson. Funeral Service will be Saturday, April 7, at 11am, also at

O'Donnell Funeral Home. Burial will be at St. Jacob's Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ A great classmate from a great family, Mike and I had good personal conversations at every single class reunion I believe, including the Class of '66 50-year one almost two years ago. My sincere condolences especially go to Gerri (also a high school friend) and to Brian (high school friend and house brother at Purdue). My thoughts and prayers to the entire family are headed to NJ from Michigan.

Denny Bales - April 29, 2018 at 07:40 AM

PS

“ For years I have wanted to "reconnect", but failed to do so. Mike was a friend at NIPSCO Coalhandling during the 80's and a hunting friend. He was a hard worker, an outdoorsman, mentor, and friend. One of the greatest gifts that God has given us is the gift of being able to recall. I will forever remember you. Until we meet again on the other side.

Pete Scheuerman - April 29, 2018 at 07:40 AM

EC

“ My condolences to the family. My prayers and love to Shane and Amanda and the rest of the family in the passing of Michael Mathews.

Elenor Craig - April 29, 2018 at 07:40 AM

HB

“ My sincere sympathies to Mike's family. My sister, Lynn, and I spent time with the 'Mathews' brothers' during high school and I've never forgotten the fun we had. Mike was such a guy's guy yet he had a gentle heart. I'm sure he was a great grandfather. Holly Beaver

Holly (Hall) Beaver - April 29, 2018 at 07:40 AM

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“ *Sending my heartfelt sympathy and comfort to you and your loved ones.* ”

Char Hester - April 29, 2018 at 07:40 AM