



Terry "Don" Mathis

May 11, 1943 - December 19, 2024

Terry "Don" Mathis

Age 81, Resident of Milton, GA

Passed away on December 19, 2024

With a deep faith that guided his life, Don led his family with love and devotion. A true Renaissance man, he had a multitude of interests that enriched his life and those around him.

His primary interest was his family. Don cherished his wife, Jamey. They were married 56 years. He adored his daughters; his family was his greatest joy.

A talented musician, Don played a variety of instruments. His favorite were the bagpipes, and the saxophone. He was an accomplished calligrapher, painter, and photographer. Don had a passion for vintage British automobiles. He enjoyed teaching his children, grandsons, and even tutoring others. Don enjoyed tennis, racquetball, and croquet. From building electronics and lasers to working on his British cars, constructing forts and dollhouses, Don could fix anything.

Born and raised in Miami, Oklahoma, Don attended Miami High School and participated in Oklahoma Boys State. He furthered his education at Oklahoma State University, earning his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Mechanical

Engineering. He earned his PhD at the University of Houston in Underwater Acoustics. He was granted a Post Doctoral Fellowship at University of Birmingham in Birmingham, England. Don's career allowed him to share his genius at NASA, Koss, Bell Labs, AT&T, and Lucent Technologies. Over the years he received over 15 patents for various fiber optic and connector designs. Ever the eternal student, Don never ceased learning.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Jamey Mathis, and his daughters, Lindsey Mathis Hene (husband - Doug Hene, sons - Marshall and Mathis) and Stacy Mathis Jackson (husband - David Jackson, sons - Jax and Whitaker). He and his family attend Stonecreek Church in Milton, GA

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on December 27th, 2024, at Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Rd, Roswell, GA.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ I think of Don occasionally and would have liked to have attended his service. Don was an extremely talented and smart man. I enjoyed watching him immerse himself while he listened to bagpipe music then smile and comment how beautiful it was.

I pray Jamie and the Mathis family are doing okay after these past difficult years.

Sincerely, Lynna Lee

Lynna Lee - January 10, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ I recall Don as a brilliant, talented, and fun man. We had some great fun and laughs during my time in the dinner club. My sympathy to Jamie and his family during this difficult time. Marilyn (Peterson) Fuller

Marilyn Fuller - December 26, 2024 at 07:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Terry "Don" Mathis.

December 26, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Terry "Don" Mathis.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Terry "Don" Mathis.

December 26, 2024 at 11:28 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Terry "Don" Mathis.



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“ *Bruce Peterson* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terry "Don" Mathis.

Bruce Peterson - December 25, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ *Bruce Peterson* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Terry "Don" Mathis.



Bruce Peterson - December 25, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Terry "Don" Mathis.*



December 24, 2024 at 03:32 PM