



## George J. Matthews

December 21, 1935 - July 1, 2013

George James Matthews, age 77, of Nashua, NH died at Massachusetts General Hospital Monday, July 1, 2013 after a short illness.

He was the second of twelve children and the first boy of the late Harold and Ethel (Waterworth) Matthews of Lowell, MA.

He held many positions in his long career. As a young man he was a Pin Setter in a bowling alley, a Shoe Maker in a shoe factory, and he mowed lawns for a few summers. After serving his country as a Navy Radioman in Morocco, he returned to Lowell.

He took a job as a Security Officer at Avco in Lowell and went to Merrimack College at nights to better himself. After graduating from Merrimack he went to Northeastern University where he received his Master's Degree.

He accepted a position with the Federal Government as an Investigator in 1966. It was a job he loved and excelled at until his retirement in 2007.

He married his devoted, loving wife, Janice Marie Levesque on September 14, 1963. They were married for 49 years and lived their lives with love. Together they had four children: Jennifer Christine, who predeceased him in 1970. The loss of his first child was a heartache that he carried throughout his life. (His family knows that they are now reunited); Sarah Christine, who married Keith Goldsack in 1996 and gave him two beautiful grandchildren, Isabelle Christine and Dominic James; Nathaniel Christopher who married Sherrylynn Andrade in 2012, and Joshua Christopher who married Jennifer Schoenig in 2004 and gave him two beautiful grandchildren, Hadleigh Christine and Cohen

Christopher.

He was a dedicated husband and father and always wanted to do the right thing. He raised his children with so much love and taught them to be loving, kind, compassionate people who carry his principles with them every day. He loved family gatherings and was always happiest when his children and grandchildren were in the house. Even when he was sick the sound of the children running and laughing always cheered him up.

When a condo development was planned for the old Pelletier Pig Farm he knew it would not be good for the surrounding area. He became very involved in fighting against the developer. He organized news conferences, wrote letters to the editor, and spoke at town meetings. After a year of vocal protest, the land was declared protected wetlands.

He drove a Toyota Corolla to work every day and maintained it at Sullivan Tire. When the car was approaching 400,000 miles, he took it as his own personal challenge to make the car last as long as possible. When it reached 500,000 he and the car were featured in a Telegraph article and a segment on the Channel 9 news. His children referred to the car as his "riding lawnmower" because it seemed to have only that much power. When it finally reached 513,000 miles it practically fell apart. When he went into the Toyota dealership all the salesmen knew his name because his picture and the article were on the wall.

He always believed in doing the right thing even when it was not the easy way to do it. His philosophy was to live a good life and treat people with respect and dignity. He raised his children with those same principles. They will miss his love and guidance because they knew they could come to him with any problems or concerns and he would help them figure it out.

Besides his wife, children and grandchildren he is survived by his brothers and sisters: Pat Flynn, Barbara Bell, Norma Matthews, Kathy Alexander and her husband Chuck, Pam McKeon, Sr. Cindy Matthews, O.S.F. , Harold and his wife Hope, Donna Kilgore and her husband Bill, Cheryl Durdovic and her husband Mike, Joe and his wife Sue. He was also predeceased by his sister

Mary Theresa. He also leaves behind Father Dan Lanahan, O.F.M. Father Dan is a long-time friend of the Matthews Family.

He enjoyed talking about the Red Sox, Celtics & Patriots. He went to many games with his sons. They had two season tickets to the Patriots and the boys alternated attending games with their father until he could no longer attend. He lived his life with pride and he took pride in everything he did. His house was no exception. He kept the front lawn green with a weed nowhere to be seen. He kept the backyard full of flowers and bird feeders. He was proud of his life. His children are proud that they can call him their father. He will be missed every day.

Visiting hours will be held on Tuesday July 9th from 4-7pm in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. A Service of Remembrance will be celebrated the following morning at 11:00am in the Funeral Home. All May Arrive Beginning At 10:30am. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to National MS Society, Greater New England Chapter, P.O. Box 845945, Boston, MA 02284-5945.

# Previous Events

## VISITING HOURS

JUL 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home Hudson, NH  
50 Ferry Street  
Hudson, NH 03051  
(603) 882-9431  
[info@dumontsullivan.com](mailto:info@dumontsullivan.com)

## SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

JUL 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *George J. Matthews*

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *George J. Matthews*

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of George J. Matthews.*



July 08, 2013 at 03:29 PM



“ *Janice and family, Everyone at Sullivan Tire are sad to here of George's passing George was our favorite. We'll miss his smiling face and our talks about the Red Sox and Patriots.*

**John Ferrera** - July 08, 2013 at 12:49 PM



“ *Nate and Sherry and the Matthews family - I am sorry for your loss - it sounds like your Dad was truly an inspiration, what a moving life tribute. You are in our thoughts and prayers - Kat and Bob Ota*

**Kat Ota** - July 08, 2013 at 07:50 AM

GW

“*Janice, I was very saddened to hear that George had passed away. Throughout the years that I have known him, he has been nothing but a kind, unassuming, and loving human being that was always willing to assist his fellow man or woman in any way that he could. I will miss sharing our experiences at the Investigator's luncheons in the future. God bless you and your family and I know that George is resting in peace knowing that he had done all that he could to make his family happy and comfortable. George D. White, Former coworker.*

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**George D. White** - July 06, 2013 at 08:12 PM

VB

“*Janice, I am deeply saddened to hear about George's passing. He was an exceptional man. May your many memories be kept close in your heart and carry you through this terrible loss. I'm unable to come to the service because I'm in FL visiting, but my thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.*

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**Vicki Beike** - July 06, 2013 at 11:29 AM

JS

“*Although I did not know George, I was so touched by this beautiful review of his life. What a inspiration! person he must have been to his family, friends, and anyone who met him. Actually I wish obituaries of special ordinary people who live in our community could be shared throughout the city of Nashua. What a wonderful example he gives to those of us who live here. God Bless his family in this time of grief.*  
*Judee Simonds,*

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**Judee Simonds** - July 05, 2013 at 08:06 PM

JC

“ When Janice called me Wednesday to tell me the bad news, it hit me like a ton of bricks. I felt like I lost a close family member, not just a client. I immensely enjoyed my "work shift" with George every two weeks so that Janice could do her quilting thing with peace of mind.

George and I had many conversations through the 15 months that I have known him. It gave me the opportunity to know and admire a truly great man. One of 12 children, he came from very humble beginnings and was able to overcome great adversity and accomplish a lot in his life. With a significant amount of help from his beloved wife Janice, their biggest achievement is their wonderful family. He was very proud of his children, their spouses and of course his grandchildren.

George and I have had many travels to: the library (a voracious reader) Christmas shopping at the mall, Sullivan Tire to meet the folks that kept his Toyota going for over a half a million miles and various eating establishments throughout the greater Nashua area. Besides the library, our most frequent stop was at Hayward's for ice cream. He really enjoyed his ice cream.

When I first met George he talked often about going back to work at his government job, which he truly missed. It was extremely sad the last few months when he came to the realization that was not going to happen.

George had a very positive impact on my life. I will miss our biweekly meetings.

My deepest condolences to Janice and her extended family.

John Correia  
Visiting Angels

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John Correia - July 05, 2013 at 01:43 PM

PD

“ All the great men that I ever known have been gifted parents. This man was a kind and loving father an example for anyone raising a family. When I think of Mr. Matthews it will not be of his loss but what he left for this world, a beautiful well raised family.

*The world would be a better place if every Dad took his example.*

*May God bless and hold his Family during their time of grief.*

*Peter Desmarais*

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**Peter Desmarais** - July 05, 2013 at 01:34 PM

HM

“ Having married later into the dynamics of this huge Matthews family, I feel very fortunate to have been welcomed by all! George and Janice always made me feel welcome no matter where or when we might meet up. Hal and I loved exploring new restaurants in the Nashua area and still frequent them now. George always had such a calm demeanor making you feel at home and comfortable. His passing will leave a void that only time and the faith that he is with Jesus will heal. We'll miss you George!

*Hope Matthews*

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**Hope Matthews** - July 04, 2013 at 10:37 AM

KL

“ Josh and Jen and the rest of the Matthews family-my condolences to all of you, I'm sure this very special man will be missed by all

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**Kathy Locz** - July 04, 2013 at 10:34 AM

DT

“ Josh and Jen - I'm so very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

~Denise Tognarina

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**Denise Tognarina** - July 04, 2013 at 10:17 AM

SS

“ I will always treasure the warmth and generosity of George's heart, one of the most loving family men I have had the pleasure of knowing. He will be truly missed. My love and thoughts go out to the entire Matthews family.

Stephanie Schoenig

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**Stephanie Schoenig** - July 03, 2013 at 03:04 PM

GM

“ Jen and Josh and to your entire families and all the friends that George knew and loved, I send my deepest condolences and prayers.

Gregg Mazzola

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**Gregg Mazzola** - July 03, 2013 at 02:58 PM

 Jason  
Mayeu

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Matthews Family in your time of loss. George was a great man, who along with Janice created a tremendous family. We love you all.

The Mayeu Clan

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**Jason Mayeu** - July 03, 2013 at 02:49 PM

JM

“ George was one of the warmest and most gentle men I have ever had the pleasure to of knowing. I met him in 1998 when Josh and I first started dating and I will always remember how welcome he made me feel.

We shared many great conversations and laughs together as well as many, many, many memories. He was involved in every moment of my families life as if I were his own daughter. I remember how excited he was to hear that Josh and I had gotten engaged, all of our wedding festivities, the day we told him and Janice that we were expecting our first child and then 2 short years later that we would welcome our second child - you would have thought it was his own child because he was that excited!!

There are so many memories and not enough space or time to share them all, but I am forever grateful to have had him in my life and have shared my life for the past 15 years with him.

He was a wonderful father, father-in-law and grandfather to my family I will make sure that my kids know everything that I know about him as they grow older.

He will be missed, but certainly NEVER forgotten. Much love  
George aka Dad/Grandpa.

Love Always & Forever, Jen~

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**Jen Matthews** - July 03, 2013 at 02:26 PM

LG

Sara, Janice, and family,  
I am so sorry to read of George's passing. I have fond memories of him as he helped to support all the tournaments at IKS. May you find peace in the memories of your wonderful dad, husband, and grandfather.  
Luane Genest

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**Luane Genest** - July 04, 2013 at 09:46 PM