



## Mr. Grant F. Matthews

January 23, 1954 - August 8, 2022

Grant Frederic Matthews, 68, of Cocoa passed away on Monday, August 8, 2022. He leaves behind his best friend and love of his life, Mary Ellen, spouse of nearly 37 years; his daughter Maria Matthews of Jacksonville; mother Olony Matthews and sister Gloria (Jim) Draus, both of Titusville; and sister Pam (Rex) Vaughn of Millersburg, OH. He is preceded in death by his father, Frederic G. Matthews.

Grant was born on January 23, 1954 in Los Angeles, CA. His family moved to Cocoa Beach in 1968. After graduating from Cocoa Beach High School in 1972, he earned a degree in Finance from Florida Technological University (now U.C.F.) in 1976, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

His long career in Finance/Accounting included positions with Boeing, Lockheed, and United Space Alliance, where he worked as an Accountant and later a Certified Cash Manager, until he retired in 2015. He later worked occasionally as a Range Safety Officer for the Titusville Rifle and Pistol Club.

Beloved for his sense of humor, his sweet spirit, and an infectious laugh, Grant had a humility and lack of pretension that endeared him to friends and family. He also had a strong core of integrity that inspired trust. He was a loyal friend and made the effort to keep in contact regularly. Most of all, he loved being with family. Family was everything to him, no matter the activities; be

they card games, dominos, barbecues, or holiday celebrations.

Grant had many interests. As a young man he helmed a sailboat. He was an avid reader of non-fiction. In the last two years he participated in the Alafia River Rendezvous (a Frontiersman-style camping event). He enjoyed watching rugby games and was a fan of the local rugby team from Cocoa "Old Redeye". He loved college football and watching the UCF Knights. He competed in Black Powder Rifle shooting competitions. Through diligent practice he became a fine marksman on several types of firearms.

Grant could often be found sitting under his big tree with a cold beverage and his trusty dog Bailey. In his company, you were guaranteed to share a good laugh or two. He once expressed that, if he had his way, "Free Bird" by Lynyrd Skynyrd would be played at his memorial service. To know him was to love him.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, August 20, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church; 5655 Stadium Parkway, Viera, at 11:00 a.m. Friends and family are invited to gather, following the Mass, at the social hall of Rockledge United Methodist Church: 1935 S. Fiske Blvd., Rockledge.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church;  
5655 Stadium Parkway  
Melbourne , FL 32940

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wow! I just saw this, Grant was a Fraternity brother at UCF. What a GREAT guy, so sorry I didn't search earlier, like 10 years ago.* ”

Henry Allcott - April 17 at 10:58 PM



“ *Mr. Grant F. Matthews* ”

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *Even though it has been quite some time since I last saw Grant, the first thing I remember is his laughter and sense of humor and how he made Mary Ellen smile.* ”

Cecilia Auble - August 19, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Grant F. Matthews.* ”



August 19, 2022 at 10:06 AM



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August 19, 2022 at 06:47 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Grant F. Matthews.*



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August 18, 2022 at 11:24 AM