



## Mr. V.L. "Bill" Mathies

February 5, 2023 - July 15, 2023

Mr. V.L. "Bill" Mathies, of Carrollton, Georgia, passed away peacefully at home as were his wishes on July 15, 2023. He was 91.

Mr. Mathies was born in Cleburne County, Alabama on February 5, 1932 to the late Bud and Lovella Mathies. He retired from Roadway Express after 30 years as a driver. While with Roadway, he was awarded several times as a million mile safe driver. Mr. Mathies was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged after serving from 1951 till 1953 during the Korean War. He served as Post Commander at AmVets Post 43 in Carrollton and was also a member of the VFW and Moose Lodge. He enjoyed NASCAR racing, playing cards, and riding his lawnmower.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Jewell Cox Mathies; his daughters, Sandra Gestring (Michael) of Bartlett, TN, Judy Hagstrom (Greg) of New Albany, MS, Glenda Shelton of Carrollton, GA, and Donna Plunkett (Buddy) of Covington, GA; his son, Keith Smithwick (Shonda) of Millington, TN; his brothers, Donald Mathies (Elsie) of Ranburne, AL and Dodson Mathies (Verna) of Heflin, AL; his sister, Verna Lee Lumpkin, also of Heflin; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapel of Rainwater Funeral Home. Bro. Michael Gilreath will officiate. His body will be interred at Crumley's Chapel Church of God Cemetery.

Prior to the service on Wednesday, the family will receive friends at the funeral home from 12:00 p.m. till the funeral hour.

# Cemetery Details

## Crumley's Chapel Cemetery

288 County Road 644  
Heflin, AL 36264

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 19.** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home  
317 North Carroll Street  
Bowdon, GA 30108  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

SG

“ *I miss you Daddy*

Sandra Gestring - March 22, 2024 at 07:24 AM



“ *40 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Rainwater Funeral Home - July 18, 2023 at 02:40 PM

SG

*Daddy, I am so grateful I had the opportunity to spend your last days with you, caring for you, helping you. It melted my heart for you to hug me and say to me "i love you my sweet baby girl". I miss you and know life will be different without you but i truly have some precious memories with you. I love you always. Sandra.*

Sandra Gestring - July 18, 2023 at 07:02 PM

JH

*Dad missing you isnt the right word, I love u more than you could ever imagine.. thank you for raising me to be the person I am today. I will always love and miss you terribly.....JUDY*

Judy REBECCA Hagstrom - July 24, 2023 at 02:03 PM

SG

“ *Susan McCaghren Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. V.L. "Bill" Mathies*



Susan McCaghren Gibbs - July 18, 2023 at 10:20 AM

SM

“ *Mr. Mathies was one of my most favorite clients when I worked at the bank. I always looked forward to seeing him and talking to him. I am very saddened by the news of his passing. You all have my prayers.*

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**Stephanie Matthews** - July 18, 2023 at 09:27 AM



“ *Kay Driver lit a candle in memory of Mr. V.L. "Bill" Mathies*



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**Kay Driver** - July 17, 2023 at 07:24 PM