



Robert W. "Bob" Matthew

December 13, 1935 - March 14, 2026

Robert Wallace Matthew, 90, of Lebanon, passed away peacefully Saturday morning, March 14, 2026. He was the husband of the late Margaret (Arnt) Matthew.

Born in Lebanon, Bob was the son of the late Edwin Sr. and Anna (Kline) Matthew. He was a graduate of Lebanon High School. In his early years, he worked in retail at McCrory's in Lebanon. He went on to a career in Quality Control at Bayer Corporation in Myerstown until his retirement. Bob was very much a people person, making friends easily wherever he went. A lifelong sports fan, he faithfully cheered on the Phillies, Chiefs and Eagles, often flanked by family pets, Ella and Eva, whom he loved. He enjoyed scratch-off lottery tickets, Elvis, cars (especially anything involving a '57 Chevy), and watching his favorite TV shows or classic Christmas movies. His grandchildren will remember the special way he made each of them feel known, even turning old songs into one-of-a-kind tributes just for them.

Bob will be remembered as a kind and selfless man, always willing to help anyone in need, a reflection of the quiet generosity he showed time and again throughout his life. Above all else, Bob was a devoted family man: a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. His legacy will live on through his family and friends. When loved ones passed on, Bob often quoted, "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings." So, too, the time has come for Bob

to get his wings.

Bob is survived by his two children: Margaret M. wife of David Emrich of Kearney, MO, and Donna M. wife of Michael Miller of Lebanon; ten grandchildren: Steven Emrich, Andrew husband of Charis (Blanch) Emrich, Kristy (Emrich) wife of Michael Cashin, Nathan Emrich, Matthew Emrich, Mark Emrich, Katie (Emrich) wife of Jared Vance, Klair Emrich, Emily Miller, and Eric Miller; two great grandchildren: Alice Emrich and Elizabeth Emrich; and two siblings: Mary (Matthew) Kale of Myerstown and Corinne (Matthew) Wenrich of Womelsdorf.

In addition to his loving wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his three siblings: Edwin Matthew, Jr., Lillian Fuller, and Harry Matthew, Sr.

Respecting his wishes, a private viewing was held, and interment will take place at the Schaefferstown Cemetery in the sunshine of spring.

Cemetery Details

Schaefferstown Cemetery

Miller & Church Streets
Schaefferstown, PA 17088

Tribute Wall



“ *Rest in peace Bob.*

Mike Shiner - March 23 at 02:24 AM



“ *Bob was a wonderful man , many fond memories,always so kindhearted and thoughtful,will surely be missed.*

Susan Plasterer - March 21 at 10:17 AM



“ *Donna, Peggy & Families, So very sorry to see that your Dad has passed away. So very sorry for your loss. My special memory of Bob was seeing him and his special friends somewhere in Lebanon having coffee.*

Fran Light

Fran Light - March 20 at 03:41 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Robert W. "Bob" Matthew.*



March 19 at 12:57 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert W. "Bob" Matthew.*

March 19 at 12:57 PM

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“ Donna and Peg, it will be strange knowing he's not around anymore but I'm thankful he is free from his pain. You girls took great care of him. I'll really miss him telling me he was going to steal my car because he really loved it and I wasn't entirely sure it would be still parked in the same spot when I left. He was always kind and smiling - that's how we will remember him.

Susan, Greg and Cameron

Susan - March 19 at 10:21 AM

MJ

Peggy and Donna sorry to hear about uncle Bob he will be missed but he will now be with aunt Marge again. Mots, Wanda Arnt

Mots Arnt Jr - March 19 at 02:57 PM