



Robert "Bob" Mathews

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Robert "Bob" Mathews, 57, of Thurmont, MD, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous battle with liver cancer.

Born on February 23, 1968, in Waynesboro, PA, Bob was the son of Rosemarie Garland and the late Robert E. Mathews. He was also preceded in death by his stepfather, Bernie Garland, and his grandparents, Robert Bert and Cynthia Mathews, and Albert Chester and Dorothy Mae Gouchenour.

Bob is survived by his devoted wife of 36 years, Renee Lynn (Despeaux); his daughters, Carrie Mathews (Nick Myers) of Thurmont and Kayla Ward (Brandon) of Westminster, MD; and five grandchildren: Courtney, Camden, Declan, Kinley, and Maverick. He is also survived by his brothers, Aaron and Michael; and by a loving family of nieces, nephews, and in-laws who will miss him dearly.

Bob dedicated 36 years of service to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), where he worked as a maintenance mechanic supervisor before retiring in 2024. Outside of work, he enjoyed fishing, metal detecting, and relaxing at the beach. Bob had a great sense of humor and a gift for making others laugh. Most of all, he treasured time with his family—especially his grandchildren, who brought him endless joy. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who offered their love, support, and kindness during this difficult time. Your comforting words, thoughtful gestures, and presence have meant more than words can express. We are especially grateful to our many friends, family, and coworkers who stood by us and helped to honor the memory of Bob and helped to take care of him.

Family and friends are invited to attend a funeral service at Resthaven Funeral Home, 9501 Catocin Mountain Highway, Frederick, MD, 21701 on Monday, July 7: Visitation 11am-12pm, Service 12pm-1pm, followed by interment at Resthaven Memorial Gardens, and a reception after



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the internment. The family kindly requests that attire be casual, beach-inspired, or brightly colored in joyful celebration of Bob's life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at <https://helpholive.org/campaign/22533> in support of Bob's grandson, Maverick, who is battling a rare genetic disease.



Events

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Visitation

Monday, July 7, 2025

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

Resthaven Funeral Home & Community Center
9501 Catocin Mountain Highway, Frederick MD
21701



Celebration of Life

Monday, July 7, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

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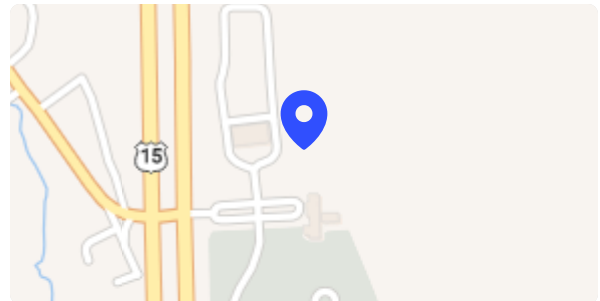


Burial

Monday, July 7, 2025

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET

Resthaven Memorial Gardens
9501 Catocin Mountain Hwy, Frederick MD 21701






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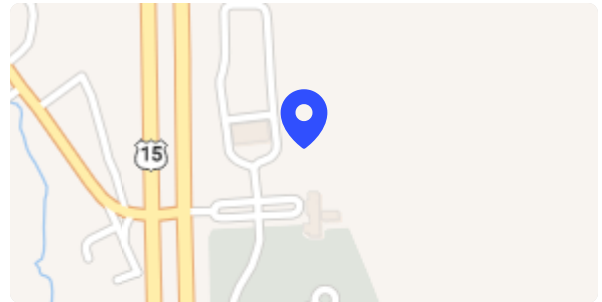
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Reception


 **Monday**, July 7, 2025


 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

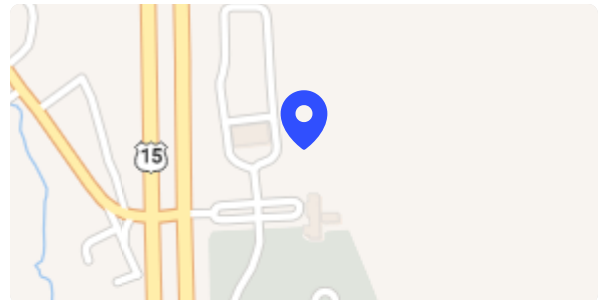
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9501 Catoctin Mountain Highway, Frederick MD
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Cemetery Details

 **Resthaven Memorial Gardens**
9501 Catoctin Mountain Hwy, Frederick MD 21701

 **(301) 732-7274**





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GP

Gussie Pinson lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Dear Renee, Carrie, and Kayla; I am so sorry for your loss. My memories of Bob second what my Dad wrote: they are the many OC baton parades, at Notre Dame for Nationals and that one year at the disgusting Weston Hotel, and the local competitions. We would occupy our time away from watching the events playing basketball (Bob, Carrie, my Dad and I...when there was a court) and discussing many random topics. I also remember a few parties you and Bob hosted at your house. You guys also had us up for meals a few times. These memories I'll always cherish! Bob made the baton competitions and parades fun with his sense of humor. Oh yeah and going to Steak and Shake in Elkhart a few times around Nationals. We still talk about the fun times and remember his laugh. Bob was a funny dude with many good qualities. He will be sorely missed. -Gussie



July 10 at 5:01 PM

SH

Susan H. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.



July 7 at 10:17 AM

MB

Michaela Bratten sent a virtual gift in honor of Robert.

I worked with Bob on and off during our NIST career. I spoke with him shortly before his retirement. We had a lot of catching up to do as we hadn't connected in a while. During this conversation he shared what he was going through. One of the things he said stuck with me. In essence he said take the leap/step as life is too short. I did a lot of reflection after this conversation and ended up following his advice. I decided not to hold off doing what I wanted and needed to do instead of "waiting for the right time." So thank you! You will be missed. M. Bratten



July 7 at 10:07 AM

SO

Serena O'Brien lit a candle in honor of Robert.

I'm so sorry for your family's loss and saddened that Bob left this world much too soon. I will always remember the fun times we had all watching WWF wrestling and drinking tea (what a combination!) Bob was a caring friend and neighbor who listened and encouraged with a teasing laugh for how the world is sometimes and you couldn't help but chuckle along. I know he's making heaven an even brighter place to be like he did while he was here. ❤️🌟



July 7 at 8:28 AM



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Garry And Elaine Moore sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Mathews family.



July 6 at 6:32 PM



Garry And Elaine Moore planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert.



July 6 at 6:32 PM



Sue Smith lit a candle in honor of Robert.

I remember the day he got on my daughter's horse and made the mistake and said gitty up. Well she did like he said LOL!!; My kids were little and running behind Bobby, they kept yelling hold on meatball. That's what they called him. Poor Bobby was flopping all around, 😊 but he didn't fall off. Anyone who would have seen this would have died laughing. I'm going to miss you Bobby Gene 🥹 Love you always, Your Ole Aunt Sue



July 4 at 4:54 PM



Carole Boyer lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Bob was always so friendly and full of life. He had a wonderful laugh and the best smile. He will be missed dearly but always remembered fondly. Thinking of you all and sending our love. Brian and Carole Ann Boyer



July 4 at 12:40 PM



Laura Perkins lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Sending you lots of hugs and prayers so sorry for your loss just know he's watching over all of you now



July 4 at 7:08 AM



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Sherry Steelman Norberg lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Renee, Carrie, Kayla, and Family, There are no words I could say that would ease your pain right now. I just want you to know we are all holding you close to our hearts and are here to help you bear this horrendous heartache. Bob was always bigger than life! His sense of humor always had me in stitches. Right up to his last day, he was still making me laugh. He will forever hold a special place in both mine and Chris' hearts. Going to Jennette's and seeing the turtle, will forever bring a tear to my eye but a smile to my heart. I know he will be right there casting out a line, smiling with us, enjoying the sunshine and sea air. He left this world way too soon, but oh how lucky we all were to have had him in our lives!!! For that Renee, I thank you for choosing him to be your partner in this life! And oh how he loved you so!!!! You, the girls and those sweet grandbabies, were his world!!! Until we are all together again our friend, we will remember the good times, watch over your girls and laugh the way you would want us all to! We love and will miss you Bob!!!



July 3 at 4:52 PM



Jim Pinson lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Renee, Carrie and Kayla, I am so sorry for your loss. My memories of Bob are the many OC baton parades, at Notre Dame for Nationals and that one year at the disgusting Weston Hotel and the local competitions. We would occupy our time away from watching the events playing basketball (when there was a court) and discussing many inane topics. I also remember a few parties you and Bob hosted at your house. Bob was an interesting person with many good qualities. He will be sorely missed.



July 3 at 5:51 PM



Karen Mcclung lit a candle in honor of Robert.

July 3 at 5:48 PM



Donna Heinzl lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Always enjoyed my visits with Bob and Renee, always laughing about something...best neighbors anyone could have..Will miss you Bob, ❤️🙏 Best memory was seeing him dressed as Shrek, and Renee as Princess Fiona...



July 3 at 4:52 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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