



Craig A. Matthews

November 20, 1954 - April 26, 2017

Matthews, Craig A., 62, of St. Anne's Hill neighborhood in Dayton, OH, passed away Wednesday, April 26, 2017. He was born on November 20, 1954 in Franklin, OH to Siebert and Lois Matthews. He married fellow St. Anne's Hill resident Amy Lopez, of Dayton, on September 22, 2007 and they continued to make the neighborhood their home - and a home for the many officially and unofficially adopted cats, among friends and beloved neighbors. Craig is survived by his wife, Amy, his sisters Cynthia (Dan) Schaefer of Centerville, OH and his nephews Tyler and Noah Thacker, and Elaine Matthews of Johnson City, TN, his mother-in-law Bonnie Lopez of Englewood, brother-in-law Michael (Linda) Lopez of Kettering and their children Alexa and Max, brother-in-law Joseph (Mara) Lopez of Cuyahoga Falls, OH and their children Gabe, Parry, and Kara, brother-in-law Matthew Lopez of Chicago, and sister-in-law Anita (Jack) Robinson of Bellbrook and their children Blake, Clint, Dylan, and Sofia. Craig served in the Army from 1974-1977 and he was a graduate of the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA, later serving in Thailand and the Philippines. Craig received a bachelor's degree in Business from Wright State University and he had a lifelong love of history, historical architecture, and classical music. Truly, Craig never met a stranger. His wonderful spirit and warm smile impacted so many neighbors, friends, colleagues, and family. Visitation is on Monday, May 1 from 4:00-7:00 pm at Westbrook Funeral Home, 1712 Wayne Avenue, Dayton, OH 45410. A memorial service will take place on Tuesday, May 2 at 10:00 am at the University of Dayton Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. A private ceremony at Woodland Cemetery will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Franklin Area Historical Society, 302 Park Avenue, Franklin, OH 45005-3549, or to the veterans organization of your choice.

Events

MAY **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Westbrock Funeral Home

1712 Wayne Avenue, Dayton, OH, US, 45410

MAY **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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University of Dayton Immaculate Conception Chapel

UD campus, Dayton, OH, US, 45409

Comments



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Craig A. Matthews.



April 30, 2017 at 08:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Craig A. Matthews.



April 30, 2017 at 03:59 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Craig A. Matthews.



April 29, 2017 at 05:43 PM



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April 28, 2017 at 03:03 PM



“ Amy my heart breaks for you - I know from Craig how great the two of you were - anytime I saw him that is all he talked about - how glad he was you came into his life - a life taken to soon. I will keep you in my prayers!
Debbie Goldberg

Debbie Goldberg - April 28, 2017 at 07:15 AM



“ Oh, Amy, I am devastated by your loss. I am so grateful that you and Craig found each other, but you should have had so much more time together..... Love, Teri Thompson

Teresa Thompson - April 27, 2017 at 10:31 PM



“ I worked with Craig for the past year at Dayton Stencil. There was no finer or nicer fellow in the Miami Valley. I was shocked to hear of his passing. Rest in Peace, my friend. Mike Turner (Tucker)

Mike Turner - April 29, 2017 at 05:37 PM



“ Amy, I came on the Christmas Tour for the 1st time way back in the early 1990's and Craig was the tour guide. The evening was magical, with a light dusting of snow on the ground putting us all in the holiday spirit. The house I eventually purchased happened to be on the tour that night. Craig's delivery of the story about St. Anne's Hill and his natural ease with everyone (along with his costume so reminiscent of Victorian times) made that night very special and from that moment on, I could not get St. Anne's Hill out of my mind. It is a special place and he was a very special and unforgettable guy.
My sincere wishes for comfort, peace and blessings, Amy.

Joni Lovett-Schlagenhauf

Joni Lovett-Schlagenhauf - May 01, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ Although Craig was with Daybreak for just a few weeks, his joy and compassion for our youth was infectious. Please know that he will be sorely missed and that our thoughts are of you and your family.

Linda Kramer

Linda Kramer - May 01, 2017 at 04:42 PM