



Gordon "Matt" William Mathias

November 4, 1930 - October 5, 2024

Mr. Gordon "Matt" William Mathias, 93, of Newnan, Georgia, passed away Saturday, October 5, 2024, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born November 4, 1930, in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, to the late Chauncey Limbach Mathias and Elizabeth Jane 'Jennie' (Puffer) Mathias. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Donald and Henry, and sister, Ruth (Mathias) Koonz.

Gordon's family moved from Canada to the U.S. when he was a small child. He grew up in Allentown, PA., and proudly became an American citizen. Gordon enlisted in the U.S. Navy following high school and served until honorably discharged in 1952. Gordon has fond memories of his military service, particularly traveling aboard the aircraft carrier USS Midway (CVB-41) to Italy, France, Portugal, and Gibraltar. His family eventually moved to Miami, FL., where Gordon pursued his 37-year career at Eastern Airlines, first in Miami and then transferred to Atlanta Hartsfield Airport in 1979 when his immediate family settled in Newnan, GA. Gordon continued his career at Kawasaki in Newnan, GA, for an additional 12 years.

While at Eastern Airlines, Gordon met Marie Schuttert on a blind date at the bowling alley. Gordon knew it was love at first sight when Marie out-bowled him! He could clearly see she would keep him on his toes. They married on January 24, 1959, and enjoyed 65 wonderful years together, raising three

children, Mark, Michael, and Bridget, then later doted on 10 beautiful grandchildren.

Gordon's expressed his love and faith through acts of service always caring and giving to others in need. Gordon came to save faith in Jesus while mowing the churchyard and helping with construction needs. While Gordon was serving, he was also learning that salvation was a free gift to him which he gladly received with the encouragement and support of his wife. Gordon has been a member and faithful servant for 40 years at Trinity Church as an usher, greeter, and encourager to all. He also helped those in need with construction projects whether it was laying a foundation, installing sprinkler systems, and even helping a family rebuild their home that they lost to a fire. One of Gordon's greatest joys was assisting his wife at Trinity Christian School, where she was a kindergarten teacher. There, he helped build a playground, set up and take down her classroom every year, as well as knocking out a wall or two when the school needed more space.

Survivors include wife, Marie; sons Mark (Grace) of Newnan and Michael (Mary) of Lawrenceville; and daughter, Bridget (Rich) of Virginia Beach, VA; Grandchildren Paul, Rachel, Matthew, Mason, Jonathan, Megan, Gordon, Louis, Danie, and Conrad. As well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, October 8, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, GA 30263. Gordon's Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Church, 8817 Highway 54 W Sharpsburg, GA 30277, with Rev. Mark Anthony officiating. Burial will be at a later date at the Georgia National Military Cemetery in Canton, GA.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, please consider donating towards scholarships at Trinity Christian School, where Marie and Gordon served so faithfully. You can use this link: <https://tcsliions.org/giving>

- Click on "I would like to dedicate this gift in honor/memory of:" and enter Gordon Mathias
- Use the scroll-down menu to select "Scholarship Fund"
- follow the prompts. Each gift is restricted and used specifically as directed by the donor

For questions, Contact Ashley De La Cruz

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **8.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

OCT **19.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Christian School
8817 Highway 54
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ *Trudeau, Calta, Bridges, Meyer & Jimenez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gordon "Matt" William Mathias.*



Trudeau, Calta, Bridges, Meyer & Jimenez - October 07, 2024
at 10:45 PM

CC

“ *Matt was truly a generous man. He married into our family when he wed Marie, our father Charles Meyer's cousin. He would love to tell stories of how he and my father would trick us kids by rigging a game of picking a card. My dad would put his coffee cup down on a napkin to show Matt which card we had picked—Matt always had a chuckle when he told that story. He and Marie opened their home to our family when we moved to Miami in 1964, allowing us to stay there for three months until we could move into our home—such remarkable hospitality. They took some of us kids with them on trips to Disney World, and would host frequent pool parties for our families until they moved to Georgia. They arranged to donate a van to our family that held our father's wheelchair. Matt was a very loving man and we were so blessed to have him as part of our family. May God reward him. Love, Cathy & Scott Calta*

Cathy Calta - October 07, 2024 at 09:04 PM

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“Gordon was a special man in my life. Never heavy handed but firm. He was a fun character and always enjoyable to be around and share a laugh or two. He taught me quite a few things in life that I would always to this day carry with me. Always gentle in nature and never quick to anger as well as so many other things. He will be greatly missed.

*In loving memory always,
Daniel M Crisco*

Daniel crisco - October 07, 2024 at 08:50 PM

VB

I will always remember how Matt and Marie met myself and my husband with open arms, when our daughter, Mary became engaged to marry their son, Mike .

Velma D Beaman - October 08, 2024 at 02:25 AM

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“Gordon was a prince of a man. Always steady, always pleasant, always faithful. and always encouraging. He was a very faithful and supportive member of Trinity Church during my 13+ years as the pastor (1983-1996).

David Epps

David Epps - October 07, 2024 at 07:57 PM