



Roy Lee Matthews

May 13, 1937 - February 13, 2013

Roy L. Matthews Jr., 75, of Newnan, passed away February 13, 2013. Roy was born May 13, 1937 in Macon, GA to the late Roy Lee Matthews & Margaret Lyon Matthews.

Roy graduated from Lanier High School and attended Mercer University in Macon. He married Elsie Bray on September 8, 1958 and together they raised 3 children. In December 1958 Roy began his 36 year career with the United States Postal Service, and became a Postal Inspector in 1961. He loved his job as an inspector and served in Macon, GA, Gadsden, AL, Chattanooga, TN and Atlanta, GA, retiring in 1994. In retirement, Roy served the Atlanta Postal Credit Union for 10 years as a member of the Supervisory Committee and later as a member of the Board of Directors.

Roy was a longtime, faithful member of Peachtree City First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and Head Usher, a position he cherished. He enjoyed all outdoor activities, especially gardening, fishing, and hunting. He loved the fellow members of his hunting club where he built a small cabin and enjoyed spending time there.

Roy will be remembered by his many friends for his sense of humor and quick wit. He really loved living on Lake Redwine during retirement and enjoyed sharing his usually abundant supply of tomatoes with friends and neighbors. One of his greatest sources of pride was his children and 6 grandchildren. He enjoyed attending their activities and sharing their accomplishments with his many friends.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Elsie Bray Matthews of Newnan, ; his sister, Margaret Ann (Jim) Cosman of Woodbine, GA; his children, Roy Lee (Marne) Matthews, III of Athens, Merri Cheryl (Forrest) Cate of Chattanooga, and John Steven (Dawn) Matthews of Baton Rouge; grandchildren, McKay Matthews, Forrest Cate IV, Matthew Cate, Anna Cate, John Steven Matthews, Jr., Katie Matthews; and many nieces and nephews.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

A service to celebrate Roy's life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 16, 2013 at First Baptist Church of Peachtree City, Dr. Joey Rodgers will officiate. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 5-7 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, GA and at 1:00 p.m. at the church prior to the service. The family suggests memorial contributions to First Baptist Church of Peachtree City "Bridge Ministry, " 208 Willow Bend Rd., Peachtree City, GA 30269.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Peachtree City
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Tribute Wall

JS

“ Roy and I worked on many cases as Postal Inspectors. He was a good friend. My condolences go out to Elsie, his family and friends. Rest on high, Roy and thanks for the memories.

Jeb Stuart - February 08, 2022 at 08:27 PM

DM

“ Roy and my dad James McGraw worked together with the Postal Inspection Service in Chattanooga, TN during the 1970s. I remember Roy and son Lee while my brother and I were in Boy Scouts in the area. May God bless Roy's family during this difficult time.

Darrell McGraw - February 17, 2013 at 09:28 PM

LA

“ When one thinks of Roy, a smile comes to your face. Roy was one of the first people I met when I was transferred with the Postal Inspection Service from Chicago in 1986. He and Elsie became immediate friends of my family. I was present when their beautiful daughter, Merri, was married in Chattanooga. Roy always kidded by daughter, Sara, from the time we moved to Peachtree City when she was only 3, until she grew up. Roy always made our day brighter when he was around. He was not only a fellow worker, but he was a real friend and a great Christian. He no doubt will be miss by anyone that knew him. It's my prayer that God will grant peace to his wonderful wife and children (and their children) during this time of sorrow. If ever a man would be assured of a place in heaven, Roy has that place.

Larry & Jeanne Allgood - February 15, 2013 at 06:56 PM

SU

“ *What a privilege it was to know and enjoy Roy's company. Roy's was hilarious and fun. He made everyone feel loved and always entertained in an excellent fashion. Love, Shirley*

Shirley Ulmer - February 15, 2013 at 06:22 PM

GW

“ *We were very sorry to hear about Roy's passing. We send our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.*

Gary and Ann Williams - February 15, 2013 at 10:17 AM

SO

“ *Roy was a great man who was always friendly and helpful. I met him in 1982 when I arrived in Atlanta as a young Postal Inspector. He made everyone feel welcome and shared his experience with those of us who could learn from him. Roy was one of the best and he will be missed by all.*

Shaun M. O'Hara - February 15, 2013 at 08:50 AM

RM

“ *Elsie, You and Roy accepted God's gift of grace years ago and have lived your lives pleasing to Him. I am certain, when Roy met Jesus face to face he had the biggest smile he's ever had. He was met with open arms and with the words, "Well done my good and faithful servant". He is free of any pain or physical limitations. What a homecoming! Can't wait to see him again.*

Rich and Judy Michael - February 15, 2013 at 08:29 AM

TG

“ I was saddened to hear about Roy. I haven't been to the Bridge in awhile, so it came as a surprise. Rhoda Greene and I loved to hear Roy's jokes and barbs at the Bridge when he would come to work. We knew that was his way of showing love. Roy has achieved the Victory and we can rejoice in that and know we will meet again someday. I am praying for you all.

Tamara Grizzle - February 14, 2013 at 06:51 PM

CS

“ You are in our hearts and prayers. Roy always brightened Sunday morning music rehearsal time when he would stop by to share a joke and an ever present smile. He taught us all you could get the necessary things done and enjoy life in the process. He also taught us about courage and perseverance. We will miss him!

Cheryl Skowronski - February 14, 2013 at 03:58 PM

SG

“ I don't know Elise, Roy or the family however my Daughter, Heather volunteers at Wellspring and I have prayed continously for Roy and the family and will continue to. My prayers are with you all.

Sharon Gallagher - February 14, 2013 at 01:24 PM

CW

“ I want to send my heartfelt condolences to Elsie and Roy's family. He was such a sweet and fun soul to be around and I looked forward to seeing him! Every month for the past seven years, I have seen him at my office for our Board Meetings. His smile will be missed.

Corey Widener - February 14, 2013 at 10:16 AM

PG

“ Roy was such a character!! He was sure to always make you laugh with his infectious smile and large sense of humor!! He will really be missed! We will keep the family in our prayers.

Pam & Terry Graham - February 14, 2013 at 10:00 AM

EW

“ Elsie, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss Roy and his contagious smile.

Ed and Jamie Wyatt - February 14, 2013 at 12:14 AM

HB

“ Many prayers and thoughts were sent your way each week from my family to yours... But Jesus said you have fulfilled your time here on earth and done the necessary duties you were meant to do....You now have no worries, concerns or pains any longer....You have went home to be with Jesus (and other families members)... Rejoice. (Hugs & prayers)

Heather & Kevin Butler - February 13, 2013 at 11:37 PM

BW

“ Roy was such a happy, fun person to be around. His friendly personality endeared him to everyone. We're blessed to have known him. Our sincere condolences.

Bill and Angie Warren - February 13, 2013 at 09:51 PM