



Herschel F. Mathews

February 1, 1934 - September 24, 2019

Herschel F. Mathews, Sr., 85 of Taylortown, PA, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at his residence. Born in Taylortown at his family's farm February 1, 1934, he was a son of the late Harry O. and Leona (Everly) Mathews.

Herschel was an Army Veteran of the Korean War. He worked in the coal mines for 15 years and then, in 1964, established his own seeding and reclamation business known as Mathews Farms. He spent his entire life on the farm, raising Black Angus cattle and farming the land. Anytime you saw him he was probably on a John Deere.

A 76 year member of the First Baptist Church of Dunkard, he also was a member of the Turkey Federation, National Rifle Association, Morgantown Moose Lodge #264, Bobtown Rod and Gun Club, and Greene County Farm Bureau.

Herschel was an avid hunter who enjoyed many hunting trips with his son and friends. He loved entertaining family and friends in his game room, but his biggest passion in life was his farm. He leaves his love of the farm in the hands of his son, Herschel Jr., and his nephew Buddy Pecjak, who have both worked for him for many years.

On Christmas Day 1956 he married the love of his life, Marlene (Fox)

Mathews, and they would have celebrated their 63rd Anniversary this year. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Herschel F. Mathews, Jr. and daughter-in-law Lucinda; granddaughter Lacey J. (John) Grim; great-granddaughter LeAnna Grim, all of Dilliner; two brothers, Charley (Sue) Mathews of Taylortown, and his twin brother Harry E. Mathews of Eastlake, OH; two sisters, Mary Jane (Willard) Bolyard, and Rose Ann Pecjak, both of Dilliner; nephew Buddy Pecjak, and several nieces, nephews, and countless friends and former employees, and a special friend, Jim Bowers, who was his Company Commander in Korea. Herschel was known to most as "Pap".

Deceased are his two sisters, Dorothy Gray and Eva Teter.

Friends will be received in the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, on Sunday from 7 to 9 PM, and Monday from 2 to 4, and 7 to 9 PM. Visitation will continue at the First Baptist Church of Dunkard, Taylortown, on Tuesday from 10 to 11 AM, the time of the service with Pastor Andrew Lawrence officiating. Interment follows at the Fairview Cemetery, Dilliner, with full military honors by the Point Marion Veterans Posts.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Dunkard, c/o Rita Kuis, 600 Taylortown Road, Dilliner, PA 15327.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

800 Taylortown Road
Dilliner, PA 15327

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Herod-Rishel Funeral Home
501 Morgantown Street
Point Marion, PA 15474
(724) 725-5245
rishel@atlanticbb.net
<https://www.herod-rishel.com>

Visitation

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT **1**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Dunkard
300 Taylortown Road
Dilliner, PA 15327

Tribute Wall

CE

“ *Chasity Eavenson lit a candle in memory of Herschel F. Mathews*



Chasity Eavenson - October 01, 2019 at 10:50 AM

BJ

“ *I will always remember the horse and buggy ride with you and Herschel at your last years October party and the joy and laughter you had while bouncing along in the buggy. Remember all the good times. Will surely miss him and his laughter.*
Ben Jordan

Ben Jordan - September 29, 2019 at 10:26 PM

JJ

To Marlene. So sorry for your loss. Love, Janet Todd Johnson

Janet Johnson - October 01, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Herschel F. Mathews.*



September 27, 2019 at 08:44 PM

DS

“ *SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS*

dawnet stevenson - September 27, 2019 at 05:30 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herschel F. Mathews.*



September 27, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ *Even though we are a distance apart, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I imagine that my Mom (Dorothy), Aunt Eva, Uncle Herschel along with Grandma and Grandpa are having quite the reunion!*

Mary Leona

Mary Gray - September 26, 2019 at 10:32 PM



“ *Jane Garrison lit a candle in memory of Herschel F. Mathews*



jane garrison - September 26, 2019 at 08:41 PM



“ *Willie lit a candle in memory of Herschel F. Mathews*



willie - September 26, 2019 at 08:36 PM

SH

“ Sharon lit a candle in memory of Herschel F. Mathews



sharon - September 26, 2019 at 08:35 PM

SE

“ Seth lit a candle in memory of Herschel F. Mathews



seth - September 26, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Herschel F. Mathews.



September 26, 2019 at 07:28 PM

PF

“ Our love and prayers are with the family. May you find comfort in your memories, strength in the hope and peace God's love provides.

Joe & Patty
PA Livestock Auction


Patty Friend - September 26, 2019 at 05:20 PM

YA

“ *Your Friends at Laurel Aggregates purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Herschel F. Mathews.*



Your Friends at Laurel Aggregates - September 26, 2019 at 02:41 PM

 Nina Kocerka

“ *There are no words that can heal your broken hearts. He always had a wonderful smile and I will never forget those warm hugs he gave me whenever we got together. Through all the years he treated us like his kids. Ed always said Pap was his Sensai. What a great role model he was. I can't even begin to say how much he'll be missed. Memaw you and Pap raised a great son and Memaw Herschel Junior will take great care of you. I pray that the good Lord lightens the pain of your loss. I love you all*

Nina Kocerka - September 26, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Herschel F. Mathews.*



September 26, 2019 at 09:35 AM

SK

“ *My sincerest sympathies and much love goes out to Marlene, Herschel Jr & Lucinda & Lacey. The loss of such a man as Herschel is felt within your entire family, all your friends and the community. Nothing can ever take the pain away, but rely on your faith and recall the memories.*

Suzanne Gregor Koval - September 26, 2019 at 08:24 AM

HB

“ *Harry Mathews Jim & Annette Eastlake Josh, Julie & Boys purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Herschel F. Mathews.*



Harry Mathews Jim & Annette Eastlake Josh, Julie & Boys -
September 26, 2019 at 08:23 AM

DD

“ *Herschel, life is constantly changing, but not seeing that ornery smile, not hearing that laugh that made everyone smile, and not having you with the Class of 1977, and being a big part of many lives, will be sorely missed. Thank you for the love you gave to many of our friends. I will never forget you.*

Denise Desmet - September 26, 2019 at 01:42 AM