



Gary Lynn Matthews

July 10, 1946 - August 7, 2025

Gary Lynn Matthews,

A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 7, 2025. Born on July 10, 1946, in New Albany, Indiana to Donald K. and Oleta J. Matthews, Gary's life was a testament to humility, generosity, and a deep commitment to serving others. Raised in Richmond, Indiana, Gary graduated from Richmond High School and attended Earlham College. He also served in the Indiana National Guard. He grew up working in the family business, R. Matthews & Sons, an asphalt paving and trucking company. He later assumed leadership of the company in 1975 following the passing of his father. Under Gary's guidance, the company grew and continued to prosper.

In 1995, Gary moved to Indianapolis and became General Manager of F.E. Harding Asphalt Companies. His tenure was marked, not only by professional excellence, but also by his integral involvement in Harding's endeavor into IndyCar racing through the company's newly developed racing team - a perfect blend of his business acumen and lifelong love of motorsports. When Harding was later sold to Howard Companies, Gary remained on, continuing to serve with the same dedication and steady hand that had defined his career.

Gary was a tireless worker-humble, dependable, and always seeking to give rather than to receive. He lived for others, pouring his energy into his family, his colleagues, and those in need. He and his wife, Linda, shared a profound

passion for serving orphans and children in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Their trips there became cherished family vacations, rooted in love and service. Gary's heart and generosity for these children were boundless, and his legacy of compassion continued through the lives he touched.

Gary attended Crosspoint Church in Fishers. He was a devoted and enthusiastic reader, rarely seen without a book in hand – always eager to dive into a new story. He also loved spending time watching the Cincinnati Bengals, NASCAR and IU basketball. But above all, Gary cherished time with his family and found joy in their presence. To his family, friends and colleagues, Gary was a wellspring of wisdom – quietly guiding, encouraging, and uplifting everyone around him. His legacy is not only on the roads he paved, but in the lives he enriched and the God he served.

Gary was predeceased by his parents, Donald K. and Oleta J. Matthews; and his sister, Judith D. Vilhauer. Gary is survived by his beloved wife of almost 59 years, Linda; son, Scott (Jennifer) of Fishers, Indiana; daughter, Ann Nolte (Gaar) of Riverview, Florida; and four grandchildren who were the light of his life – John, Abigail, Benjamin, and Aubrey. He is also survived by several cousins.

Visitation will be Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038 from 12:00 p.m. until the time of the Celebration of Life service beginning at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Curt Walters will officiate. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery, Fishers, Indiana. For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed and available by clicking on the following link: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/a25087524043363>.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Crosspoint Church at <https://crosspointweb.org> or Children's Shelter of Hope Foundation, P.O. Box 3135, Montrose, Colorado 81402 or via their website at <https://cshf-us.org>. Donations to CSHF should be marked with the following notation: "La Escuelita – Gary Matthews".

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

11171 Hoosier Road
Fishers, IN 46037

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

ML

“ I have the best memories of Gary Matthews. His company would always hold a track party every year and me and my husband was invited. We had so much fun. Gary was such a loving man and a giver. He had a heart of gold. You will be missed so much, Gary. We love you. rest in peace.

Maria Lawson - August 16, 2025 at 12:41 PM

JH

“ Johanna Harding, Jerry And Kim Hellyer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lynn Matthews.

Johanna Harding, Jerry And Kim Hellyer - August 15, 2025 at 10:52 AM

JH

“ Johanna Harding, Jerry And Kim Hellyer purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gary Lynn Matthews.



Johanna Harding, Jerry And Kim Hellyer - August 15, 2025 at 10:52 AM

LD

“ Lis and Andy Deitsch purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Lynn Matthews.



Lis and Andy Deitsch - August 13, 2025 at 10:55 PM

TF

“ *The Earley family. purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Gary Lynn Matthews.*



The Earley family. - August 13, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Lynn Matthews.

August 13, 2025 at 02:41 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Gary Lynn Matthews.*



August 13, 2025 at 02:41 PM

MM

“ *Martin Marietta planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lynn Matthews.*

Martin Marietta - August 13, 2025 at 02:22 PM

MM

“ *Martin Marietta purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Lynn Matthews.*



Martin Marietta - August 13, 2025 at 02:22 PM

JC

“ *Julie Carpenter purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Lynn Matthews.*



Julie Carpenter - August 12, 2025 at 07:49 AM

LF

“ *Love, The Buroker Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Lynn Matthews.*

Love, The Buroker Family - August 11, 2025 at 07:34 PM

LF

“ *Love, The Buroker Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Gary Lynn Matthews.*



Love, The Buroker Family - August 11, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ *Linda my heartfelt sympathies. hold on tight to your memories may he rest in peace Courtney*

COURTNEY DONOVAN - August 11, 2025 at 05:02 PM