



## William L. "Bill" Matthews Jr., DDS

July 14, 1947 - January 16, 2015

William L. "Bill" Matthews, Jr., DDS, 67, of Albuquerque, NM, formerly of Indianapolis, IN, lost his second battle with cancer on January 16, 2015. He was born July 14, 1947 in Portsmouth, VA, to the late Capt. William L. Matthews, Sr. and Nina M. Schrepfer Matthews. Bill received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Evansville and his Doctor of Dental Surgery from Indiana University. He served as Captain in the United States Air Force from 1973-1975 and continued as a reserve for several years thereafter. Bill was an avid tennis and bridge player and enjoyed collecting vintage vehicles. He was a member of Woodstock Country Club. Bill volunteered his dental services frequently and generously. He served the Albuquerque, NM community for many years as a dentist with a non-profit dental group that cared for the underserved populations of Albuquerque including Native American families and the homeless.

Visitation will be January 30, 2015 from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. in the Gothic Chapel, Crown Hill Cemetery, 700 W. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Anne D. Carter (Brandon) and grandchildren, Ava Jane Carter and Samuel Eliot Carter of Watkinsville, GA; sisters, Marcia M. Hocker (David) of Owensboro, KY and Joann E. "Joni" Matthews of Evansville, IN and Atlanta, GA; brother, James E. "Jim" Matthews of Evansville, IN; niece Nina Mather Zickler (Christoph) of Neenah, WI; nephews

Robert E. Zoss of Boulder, CO, L. Laurent Zoss (Sheri) and Banning M. Zoss of Denver, CO; cousins, John F. Becker (Denise) and Thomas A. Becker of Kirkwood, MO. A son, William L. Matthews, III, preceded him in death.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

700 W. 38th St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46208

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 12:00 AM - 2:00 AM (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery  
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Indianapolis, IN 46208  
(317) 925-3800

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

TS

“ I was introduced to Bill during the Summer of '66. We both went to different high schools. He went to Harrison and I went to Memorial. We spent so much time together. I bought a 1958 Triumph TR 3 that he would often borrow when I was in class. Both of us went to U of E. My Mom loved him! Thought he was hilarious. He married the homecoming queen at UofE Becky and they had two children. We stayed in touch for several years after graduation from college when he would come to town. Sadly he got a divorce from Becky and I asked him if was seeing anyone. That was when he told me he was gay and his partner had passed away. I was spinning after I hung up from that call. We still met at Subway several years afterwards across from U of E and he shared his lifestyle with me. We eventually lost contact and he told me he had moved to New Mexico. Sadly I heard that his cancer had returned and he succumbed to it. He was an awesome friend for many years. And he always ironed his shirts before going to class! I often had to wait on him when I would give him a ride to school. lol.

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Tom Sergesketter - May 26, 2024 at 08:46 PM

JA

“ *William L. Matthews. That name brings back such a flood of memories. I first met Bill as a 7th grader while he was substitute teaching, himself still in dental school. He thought I might be a good summer friend for Jim when he came into town. Over the years, Bill and Becky became good friends of my entire family. I spent a lot of time with them both seeing and learning new things. Bill was a great mentor. So giving. I remember the jag, the first car I ever drove, along with the bug and the house on North Meridien, worlds away from the apartment at Three Fountains West. I like every other guy, fell in love with Joni. I was sad when I heard they had divorced. Over time, I started my own family and sadly, Bill and I lost touch. I remember the last time I saw him what at the house on North Illinois. I had thought about him often and wondered where and how he was and wished we had stayed in contact. Bill to me was always a shining example of giving to others, great morals and values, high intelligence, those All-American looks, and someone who made the lives of everyone he touched a little better. For that I thank him. RIP old friend.*

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**John Albright** - August 26, 2016 at 01:40 PM

CM

*My dearest friend in the whole wide world. Merry Christmas beautiful man! Miss you more than you'll ever know. This man had the kindest heart and could make me laugh like no other. So very lucky to have him as long as I did!*

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**christi malasto** - December 26, 2016 at 02:03 PM

DO

“ Oh my, Ever since I left Indianapolis years ago, no wonder I couldn't find him, he moved down to NM. I am so perplexed and always have been why Bill wanted to go in the direction that he did, I'm sorry that it affected his son so much. I only heard about it after I was gone. Terrible. Bill was bright, caring and funny as crap. When he laughed, it was a genuine belly laugh that made the room laugh even if they didn't know what was said. He love playing tennis with me at the Country Club,.....and he used to laugh at the older ladies staring at us.....he knew I wasn't gay.....but he loved the attention...Oh Bill.....And during his first chemo..tx.....since I am a nurse.....I didn't care about his smoking marijuana .....and to see him just drive up in his little Mercedes.....quietly I might add, stand out back and look in the window down below.....funny stuff. I wasn't into his life style and he knew it, but he was always a friend. Dang it. Just looking at his pic. Sorry to the family.....I could go on.....but I'll just say God Bless in Heaven Bill and God bless your family.....Daniel Ohms....

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**Daniel Ohms** - September 10, 2015 at 06:50 PM

PE

“ Dear Joni, Jimmy and Family,  
Don and I just received our U of E magazine and were very sad to learn of Bill's passing in January. To Joni and Jimmy, your family moved into the Hamilton's house on Ruston Avenue; my maiden name was Gelhausen; I think my younger brother Dave was a friend of Jimmy. My husband Don was Bill's pledge father in Lambda Chi Alpha; Dave lives in Zionsville,, IN and our brother Mike, passed away in 2008. Don and I have been married 45 years and have lived in south Florida for 40 years. But Evansville has always and will forever be home to me. Our Bosse Class of 1963 has mini reunions so in September, I'm coming home for a "mini" reunion to celebrate our 70th birthday. We just wanted to let you and your family know how sorry we are for your loss. I know what heartache it is to lose a sibling. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Don and Pam (Gelhausen) Euston  
Pompano Beach, FL

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**Pam & Don Euston** - August 23, 2015 at 06:38 PM



“ **THERE IS NO GOOD BYE**

*The first time we met, you flashed the brightest smile; even the sun couldn't compare how bright it was. You were always so quick to smile; that your teeth had an iridescent gleam.*

*You had the warmest demeanor, were always full of cheer and could lighten up the gloomiest room.*

*You had an uncanny ability to show everyone that they were all special and could make anyone feel better no matter what.*

*You taught me in such a short period about the ultimatum of keeping real friends and whose not. That it was about the quality, not the quantity.*

*I can remember every visit with you and they were always so fun. I can still hear the sound of your voice and how it always calmed me. That voice could turn any sour note, turn into a beautiful melody and our laughters that will be forever etched in my memory.*

*If you only knew how much I cried for you today and tell you how much i really miss you. But someday, perhaps, we will meet again and you'll greet me at heaven's gate and once again, see your beautiful smile again.*

*There is no good bye, just fond memories of you smiling and thank you for all the good times we shared.*

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**Charlotte Delgarito** - August 22, 2015 at 08:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William L. "Bill" Matthews Jr., DDS.*



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January 27, 2015 at 10:30 PM

JS

“ *Joni, Jim, Marcia I am so sorry for your lose. Just know that you are in my prayers....*

*Jim Spear*

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**jim spear** - January 25, 2015 at 06:09 PM