



Dr. Elizabeth W Matthews

July 30, 1927 - August 17, 2019

Elizabeth W. Matthews, age 92, passed away Saturday, August 17, 2019 in Reflections Memory Care, Carterville, where she was a resident since 2014. Prior to that, she had lived in Carbondale since 1964.

She was born July 30, 1927 in Ashland, Virginia to Edwin Clifton and Elizabeth L. Woodin. She married Sidney E. Matthews on December 20, 1947 at her parent's home in Ashland and they shared 70 years of marriage until his death on October 29, 2018. She graduated with a B.A. degree from Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA in 1948; MS degree in Library Science from University of Illinois in 1952; a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 1989; and an Honorary LLD from Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA in 1989.

Her library career began at the Virginia State Library in Richmond, VA in 1948, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Ohio State University, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA; and in 1964 she accepted a position at Morris Library, SIU-Carbondale. She was a catalog librarian and instructor and became an Assistant Professor in 1972. From 1974 until 1990, Dr. Matthews continued as a catalog librarian and Assistant Professor at the Lesar Law School Library, SIU-C. She retired in 1992 as Preservation and Special Projects Librarian and Professor.

Dr. Matthews was active in many professional associations including American Library Association, American Association of Law Libraries, and the Post-Doctoral Academy of Higher Education. She was involved locally with American Association of University Women and Rotary Club of Carbondale-Breakfast.

She published several books and numerous articles with topics ranging from technical cataloging to genealogy and short stores. She was recognized in several Who's Who publications and received the Delta Award from Morris Library for "Notable Work and Publication in the Field of Library Science" in 1990.

Her other interests included astronomy, genealogy, piano, organ and travel; having traveled to all 50 states and 56 international countries. She had been a member of First United Methodist Church, Carbondale since 1964.

Dr. Matthews is survived by her daughter, Sarah E. Matthews (Sam Morgan) of North Fort Myers, FL; two grandsons, Matthew E. (Vanessa) Wiley of Brooklyn, NY and Michael E. Wiley (Laura DeTardo) of Jupiter, FL; and a host of friends.

She is predeceased by her parents and husband.

Visitation will be Friday, August 23, 2019 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Funeral Services for Dr. Elizabeth Matthews will be Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 11:00 am in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Pastor Howard White. Interment will follow at the Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church, Carbondale, IL.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
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Service

AUG 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Elizabeth W Matthews*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Love, Ann, Mary, Norma, Carl & Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Elizabeth W Matthews.*



Love, Ann, Mary, Norma, Carl & Families - August 22, 2019 at 09:58 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Elizabeth W Matthews.*



August 22, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ *Grace Burnes purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dr. Elizabeth W Matthews.*



Grace Burnes - August 20, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Dr. Elizabeth W Matthews.*



August 20, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ *Sarah. We are so very sorry for your loss. Your Mom was so sweet and our memories of her are mostly based on our first few years at FUMC. She was very gracious and kind and almost always attended Prime Time with your Dad. They were a wonderful couple!! We are in Kansas City babysitting grandchildren so please accept our warmest condolences and a very warm sincere heart hug. Love Alan and Connie*

Connie and Alan Rhein - August 20, 2019 at 08:24 AM



“ *So sorry for the loss of your Mother, Sarah. She was such a kind and sweet lady and always dressed professional in her suits. My husband, Kent, and I sat by your Mom and Dad many times at our weekly Bible Study at church. He was very kind to her and was a true “Gentleman”. We enjoyed chatting with them at our breaks and sharing the treats. I’m grateful for the opportunity to have known them and miss seeing both of them at church.*

Betty Bishop - August 19, 2019 at 11:53 PM

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“ *Such and amazing woman and life she lived! Wish I had known her, Sarah but we are fortunate to know you (and Sam) now! Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are being sent to you and your family.*
Heather

Heather - August 19, 2019 at 01:27 PM