



## Deacon Roy E. Mathews

January 3, 1939 - May 10, 2026

Roy Ellington Mathews was born on January 3, 1939, in Nacogdoches, Texas, to Frank and Louella Burrell Mathews. At the age of seven, he moved to La Marque, Texas, where he would grow into a respected man of faith, service, leadership, and devotion to family and community.

He attended Lincoln High School, where he met the love of his life, Loretta Mathews, in 1955. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1957 and later proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1958 to 1962 as a prison guard. During his younger years, he was also known for his athletic ability, playing basketball for both Lincoln High School and the United States Marine Corps.

On February 13, 1961, he married the love of his life, Loretta, and together they built a loving family and lasting legacy. They celebrated 65 years of marriage. From this union came two children: Robbyn Alexia and Patrice Mathews, who was their angel baby and passed at birth.

A hardworking and dedicated provider, he worked for the Monsanto Plant in Chocolate Bayou from 1963 until 1993, where he served as a manager. Beyond his career, he devoted much of his life to mentoring and uplifting others. He coached Little League baseball in the 1980s, served as a Scout Leader for the Boy Scouts, and participated in two professional bowling teams

from 1979 to 2010.

His faith and community involvement were central to who he was. He served faithfully as a Deacon for 19 years, became involved with Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in 1997, and worked alongside Crime Stoppers, always striving to make a positive impact in the lives of others. He was a longtime member and past Worshipful Master of Pride of Hitchcock Masonic Lodge, presently, Amity Masonic Lodge #4 F & AM - Prince Hall Affiliation; and was a Sublime Prince 32nd Degree Mason, member of Winn Consistory #234.

After a dedicated life of service to his church, community and family, on the morning of Sunday, May 10, 2026 in the comfort of his home, Roy quietly slipped away to his eternal rest. He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Charles Edward Mathews, Dorothy Jean Lane, Raymond Earl Mathews and Zelma Francis.

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 65 years, Loretta Mathews; his daughter, Robbyn Alexia; his granddaughter, Ravyn Johnson (Kerry Johnson); his great-grandchildren, Bayhli and Kroix Johnson; sister, Nancy McKnight; and his goddaughter, Fariiece Joiner, along with a host of extended family members, friends, church family, and all whose lives he touched.

His life was one of honor, faith, service, and love, and his legacy will continue to live on through the many people he inspired.

# Previous Events

## Flower Deliveries

MAY **22**. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Norris D Burkley Professional Services  
322 Laurel Street  
La Marque, TX 77568  
(409) 373-9118  
admin@ndbps.com  
<http://norrisdburkley.com>

## Visitation

MAY **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church  
6609 Fairwood Drive  
Hitchcock, TX 77563

## Celebration of Life

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church  
6609 Fairwood Drive  
Hitchcock, TX 77563

## Burial

MAY **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Forest Park East Cemetery  
21620 Gulf Freeway  
Webster, TX 77598



# Tribute Wall

PS

“ *My Condolences and Prayers to the Matthew Family. Praying the Lord will give you strength during time.* ”



Pastor Roy L. Smith and Sadie Smith - May 28 at 08:52 PM



“ *Pure Heart was purchased for the family of Deacon Roy E. Mathews.* ”



May 18 at 10:23 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deacon Roy E. Mathews.* ”

May 18 at 10:23 AM

RS

“ *A dedicated and faithful friend that will never be forgotten. May the Grace and Mercy of God continue to Bless and Keep the Family Safe and in Perfect Peace is and Always will be our Prayers. Rev. Clarence Mosley Sr and family.* 🙏🌹💯💪 ”

Rev. Clarence Mosley Sr - May 14 at 07:41 AM

JP

“ Sorry for your lost . Roy was my classmate at Lincoln High, class of 1957. Praying God to comfort your family and keep you in His loving care.

Joyce Williams Payne - May 14 at 02:00 AM

RJ

“ My condolences to the Family, Deacon Mathews demonstrated loyalty, faithfulness to his Family & the Church, (Semli Fi) an example all to follow., Good & Thow Faithful Servant.

Ray L Wiley Jr - May 12 at 05:07 PM

RJ

“ Rod and Sharon Jackson purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Deacon Roy E. Mathews.



Rod and Sharon Jackson - May 12 at 03:08 PM

RJ

“ I am saddened by the loss of a great man, a great husband, a great father/grandfather, a great saint, a great role model, and a great uncle...my uncle Roy! The Jackson family (of Dallas) sends their condolences and love to Aunt Loretta, Robin, and Ravyn.

Rod Jackson - May 12 at 02:51 PM

RJ

“ i love you so much poppi. i got nanny until she needs to go be with you.

*Well done my good and faithful servant.*

*Semper Fi*

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**Ravyn Johnson** - May 12 at 11:34 AM