

Matheny, Jesse Dwayne

1940-2023

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Jesse Dwayne Matheny, born Sept. 21, 1940, met his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Feb. 10, 2023, and reunited with the love of his life, Kathleen Eugenia (Fancil) Matheny.

Jesse graduated from Oblong Township High School in Illinois in 1958. He and Kathleen married on Jan. 1, 1961.

Over the course of his life, Jesse worked in many vocations, from his uncle's service station, Matheny Standard Service Station, to brakeman and locomotive engineer at Bethlehem Steel, before moving to Texas in 1972. In Texas, Jesse worked primarily for freight companies in various capacities until his retirement from Federal Express after more than 20 years of loyal service. He enjoyed his retirement with Kathleen, traveling around the country, visiting relatives and attending school reunions. In retirement, he occasionally worked for the *Wise County Messenger*, where he made lasting friendships. He was a longtime member and deacon at Living Word Assembly of God Church in Alvord. After suffering a stroke in 2017, Jesse moved to Dallas near his son and spent most of his final years under the wonderful care of Juliette Fowler Communities. Jesse was known as a smiling man who was always friendly with a kind and uplifting word to everyone, sharing his rock-solid belief, "Jesus is Lord, and God is in control."

Jesse was preceded in death by his sweetheart, Kathleen (Fancil) Matheny (2010); and his parents, Ira and Edytha (Carter) Matheny. He is survived by his children, Timothy (Lisa), Denise (Perry) Robinson, Trevor (Andrea) and Danielle (David) Small; his grandchildren, Andrew (Yatzil), Victoria (Xavier), Margaret, Benjamin, Lane (Madison), Paige, Ryan, Nathan, Kylei and Dillan; his great-grandchildren, Leo and Murphy; his brothers, Stanley (Beverly) Matheny and Truman (Sharon) Matheny; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Jesse was cremated and his remains will be interred at a later date at Sunset Cemetery in Sunset.

Jesse's family wishes to express their sincere thanks to Juliette Fowler Communities for their exceptional care over the past several years and to Faith Presbyterian Hospice for their wonderful care of Jesse during his final months.

In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation to Juliette Fowler Communities, 1234 Abrams Road, Dallas, TX 75214, or online at fowlercommunities.org.