



## David Lee Mathews

September 5, 1946 - August 3, 2020

David Lee Mathews of Grand Ledge passed away August 3, 2020. Dave was born September 5, 1946 to the late Marie and Benton Mathews in Lansing, Michigan. He graduated from Everett High School in the Class of 1965. He was drafted into the Army in 1966 as a combat infantry soldier and sent to Vietnam. While unspoken memories haunted his mind he always kept his combat brothers close to his heart. In 1968, he married Judy Hannewald and they have been married 52 years. He retired from Motor Wheel/Hayes Lemmerz Corp. in 2002 with 38 years of service as Area Manager for the Hummer wheel production in Akron, Ohio.

He received 2 Purple Heart medals, Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star, Army Commendation, Presidential Unit Citation and Combat Infantry Badge. He belonged to the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Voiture Local 946, VFW Post 3293 and DAV.

He was preceded in death by brother, Benny Mathews and In-Laws, Richard and Dorothy Hannewald. He is survived by his loving wife, Judy; daughter, Monique; sons, Michael, Matthew and David II (Deanna); granddaughters, Danielle (Clinton), Stormy, Dalanie, Dayna, Dallas; great granddaughters, Ada and Zoe; brothers, Terry, Tim and Tracy; several nieces and nephews along with loving niece, Tammy. Special thanks to Sparrow Oncology Department and Hospice House for their excellent care.

A graveside service with military honors will be held Saturday, August 8, 2020, 1:00 P.M. at Deepdale Memorial Gardens, Lansing with Major James Irvine of

the Salvation Army, officiating. Please come prepared to wear masks and practice social distancing. Memorial contributions in Dave's name may be given to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

# Cemetery Details

## Deepdale Memorial Gardens

4110 Old Lansing Road  
Lansing, MI 48917

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BF

“ *The 3 amigos. Dave Gary, Dave Matthews and Bill Flynn who all served together in Vietnam. They had a bond that kept them together when they returned home. We were sad not to be in Michigan this Summer but know you and your family are in our prayers. Bill is sad and wanted to see Dave. God Bless Dave for his service to our country and we will treasure all the memories we have shared with you. Bill and Sue Flynn*

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**Bill and Sue Flynn** - August 17, 2020 at 11:56 PM

ML

“ *I am sooooo sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was one of the first people I met when I hired into Division 3 working for Bill Engle. He was a kind and generous man. I know he will be dearly missed.*

*Sincerely,*

*Margie Luttrell*

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**Margie Luttrell** - August 15, 2020 at 09:04 AM

CB

“ Judy and his kids. So many years have gone by since we were raising our kids together. How fast they flew. I am so sorry for your loss. But when I saw this, I wanted to share a story you may have forgotten:

You all lived next to us when Tammy, my daughter, was small. My name at that time was Cecilia Sutberry. Mary Quintela lived near too!

My favorite memory was bad lol!

The 3 kids were sent to their play area in the basement to play.

Tam was about 3 so their kids were 5 at the oldest!

Judt forgot that Dave had his prize motorcycle in the basement.

The boys didn't!

So they were so sweet! They painted Dad's bike for him!!

Dave was amazingly cool about it!!

My condolences your beautiful little family.

Cecilia Sutberry-Bush.

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**Cecilia Bush** - August 13, 2020 at 03:23 AM

PH

“ Judy, it's been many years since we worked together at Casa Nova's but I was sad to read of Dave's passing. My deepest sympathy to you Patty ( Mowry) Haeck

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**Patty Haeck** - August 11, 2020 at 12:07 AM

PB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you in this time of sadness.

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**Pam Bower-Rheaume** - August 08, 2020 at 04:51 PM

BB

“ This is a Memorial Loving Goodbye from all the 22nd Infantry BROTHERS that he was with in Vietnam...With condolences from all...he served our Country and will be remembered by all! With love from his "Brothers"...we all were together way back then...Missed seeing you since!...we will all be together again!

Betty Brenneman - August 07, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of David Lee Mathews.



August 07, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ Our most sincere condolences to the entire Matthew's family. Our hearts hurt for you.  
Joan (Reitenbach) and Larry McDonald

Joan McDonald - August 06, 2020 at 08:47 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of David Lee Mathews.



August 05, 2020 at 08:04 PM

TW

“ DAVID AND LOVING FAMILY , OUR PATHS NEVER CROSSED PHYSICALLY , BUT OUR SPIRITS AND COMMON RVN MILITARY / COMBAT EXPERIENCES CERTAINLY DID . YOU SERVED YOUR COUNTRY IN SPITE OF A THANKLESS RETURN FOR YOUR PATRIOTIC SERVICE AND SACRIFICE TO OUR COUNTRY . GODS SPEED TO YOU TO HEAVEN BECAUSE YOU HAVE SERVED YOUR TIME IN HELL ALREADY.....THEN AND SINCE . BROTHERS .....BY ANOTHER MOTHER . TOM ( COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART # 1970 , MICHIGAN ) A SOLEMN HAND SALUTE TO YOU AND YOURS .

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**TOM WETZEL** - August 05, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ When I first moved to Michigan and bought our first house on Nonette I became fast friends with Dave and Judy we always had a great time no matter what we were up to. My favorite time was when Dave and I rode our Motorcycles to the Indianapolis 500 and hung out for the weekend visiting some of my ole buddies. We were thick as thieves and brothers in arms and always enjoyed just hanging out. I will miss that smile and crazy laugh when I could get him going. Peace be with you my friend.

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**George Cochran** - August 04, 2020 at 09:53 PM

EW

so sorry 4 your loss. elaine wyckoff

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**elaine wyckoff** - August 05, 2020 at 12:35 PM

LL

“ *Lyn Lewis purchased the A Full Life for the family of David Lee Mathews.*



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**Lyn Lewis** - August 04, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ *Jackie Salazar lit a candle in memory of David Lee Mathews*



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**Jackie Salazar** - August 04, 2020 at 08:24 PM

FC

“ *Judie & Family,  
My Deepest Sympathy for the loss of a beloved Husband, Father & Grandfather.  
Dave & Judie are good friends and were the best neighbors. Dave was always fun to talk to & he was always helping me out with things around the house. My prayers are with all of you.  
Love  
Flo Cassidy*

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**Flo Cassidy** - August 04, 2020 at 03:46 PM

WS

*Although we went EHS I never met Dave and his wife until much later. We met at a class soiree and talked for a quite a while. We had many life experiences in common resulting in feeling of camaraderie. A kindred spirit . You will be missed*

*Judie, my condolences. JS*

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**Ward J Stillson** - August 07, 2020 at 01:41 AM