



# James Mathews

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## **James Mathews**

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**J**ames B. Mathews, 78, of Lincoln formerly of Decatur passed away on Monday, July 22, 2013 in St. John's Hospital in Springfield. He loved to golf, bowl, fish and played the trumpet in a band called the DelMar Band. James was a co-owner of Folraths Shoe Store and later worked at Raupps Shoe Store. He was a life member of the Elks Lodge 401 in Decatur, the Moose Lodge 684 and member of American Legion Lincoln, IL.

He leaves behind his companion Wanda Zurkammer of Lincoln, daughters Pam (Danny) Greenway of TN, Beth (Steve) McDonald of LA, Kay (Rick) Caballero of TX; son Mike Mathews of TX; step daughters Jean (Joe) Doss of Decatur, Lisa (Chuck) Humphreys of CA; 9 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and many other loving family members and friends.

James is preceded in death by his parents

Per James wishes cremation services will be provided by Graceland/Fairlawn Crematory. No services are planned at this time.

Memorials may be directed St. Johns Hospice & American Cancer Society.

The family of James Mathews is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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LT

**Lana Tucker** posted:

Remember the wedding gift you chose for Edward and I.

July 30 at 1:03 PM

LT

**Lana Tucker** posted:

Jim was truly one of a kind, always a story, always a laugh.I know he will be missed.Lana Tucker

July 30 at 1:00 PM

KC

**Kay Caballero** posted:

Dad, there is sorrow for us not knowing each other better but I do remember seeing you play the trumpet and I will remember the sound of your voice. Thanks for loving him Wanda. Your daughter Kay

July 26 at 12:53 PM

LH

**Lisa Humphrey** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of James Mathews

July 25 at 2:54 PM

LH

**Lisa Humphrey** posted:

Remember the blue VW.

July 25 at 2:54 PM

LH

**Lisa Humphrey** posted:

Ole Jim, Remembering he taught me to drive my first stick shift,He is a good ole guy.Rest in Peace.

July 25 at 2:53 PM



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LG

**Linda Garner** posted:

Jim and my father-in-law, Larry Garner, played music together for many years and I can see them making music now in heaven. Jim always had a smile in his eyes and a story to tell! You will be missed!

July 25 at 2:40 PM

JB

**Janet Black** posted:

Jim was my Aunt Wanda's friend and I saw him when I visited there each fall. I loved him and will miss him. Much love to his family and to my aunt. Janet

July 25 at 2:04 PM

PG

**Pam Greenway** posted:

Wished you could have been more a part of my life and my siblings when we were kids....but it wasn't to be...I'm glad Danny and I came to visit you and Wanda a couple of years ago...Wanda, Thank you for taking such good care of him. I love you Daddy...Your first born child...Pam Mathews Greenway

July 25 at 12:02 PM

PG

**Pam Greenway** posted:

Wished he could have been more a part of my life and my siblings when we were kids....but it wasn't to be....I'm glad Danny and I came to visit you and Wanda a few years ago...I loved you Daddy...Your first born child...Pam Mathews Greenway

July 25 at 11:54 AM

GL

**Gary Lessen** posted:

To Jim's family: Please accept our sincere sympathy. I got to know Jim at Logan Lanes in Lincoln. We bowled in the same league on Wednesday night. Jim and I shot the breeze before and during league. It was a shock reading the passing in the paper today. Again, our sincere sympathy to the family. Gary, Linda and Scott Lessen Mt. Pulaski

July 25 at 7:47 AM



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**Jean Doss** posted:

You were part of our family for 40 years and I'm glad you were. Now you are fishing and golfing and watching us all from up above, and tooting your own horn....

July 24 at 10:45 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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