



Theodore Eugene Mattingly Sr.

December 7, 1953 - July 4, 2020

Theodore Eugene Mattingly, Sr, peacefully went to be with the Lord in heaven on July 4, 2020.

Ted was born December 7, 1953 in Decatur, IL, the son of Percy T. Mattingly and Beatrice Helen (nee) Pate.

Ted graduated from Lakeview High School and then went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft mechanic. He was an avid outdoorsman and an accomplished artist. There was no napkin safe from his amazing drawing skills. Ted loved his children and grandchildren fiercely.

He was preceded in death by both parents and sister, Beverly Smith.

He is survived by his daughters, Jackie K Garrison, Samantha A. Mattingly; son, Theodore E. Mattingly Jr (Mary); grandchildren, Destinie, Justin, Christian, Ryan and Alyssa; great grandchild Micah and four sisters.

Memorial Celebration of Life Gathering will be held 11 :00 AM till noon Friday, July 10, 2020 at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home. Inurnment will be at Fairlawn Cemetery. Family will meet with friends one hour prior to service. CDC guidelines will be followed. Use of facemasks are required.

Memorials: Rock Springs Nature Center

Condolences to Ted's family may be left at <http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com>.

Events

JUL **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home

2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL, US, 62526

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Carol Reed - October 11, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ I met Ted in 1969 when I was a freshman at Lakeview High School. We were in biology class together. He was so cute and nice and I truly loved him. The things I remember most about Ted: Cruising Eldorado Street in a cool old Chevy, working at Quick Way grocery store, bowling at Pla-Mor Lanes, goofing off in the library study halls, being the fastest runner in boy's PE class, going to dances in the school gym, talking on the phone every night with me, trading school photos, winning the Gary Harris art award and in later years, selling his artwork at the Yesteryear Fair. He wrote on the backs of the photos that he gave me, "Please don't ever forget me." Well, even after 50-plus years, you can rest assured Ted, I never have, and I never will. And yes, now you can "Soar Forever Higher" sweetheart. Carol Reed

Carol Reed - October 11, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ I didn't know mr.mattingly I heard alot of good things about him through his beautiful daughter Samantha so sorry for your loss Sami prayers to you and your family

Vicki wood - July 09, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ Ted became a great friend to me when I worked at the VA Clinic. He was very talented. I purchased two of his drawings which I will forever cherish. Prayers for his family.

Sharing Hoke - July 08, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ Ted was one of the most kind gentle men we knew! He was our Gardner for a long time before we retired, and Ted found it to much for him to do! His love working with God to create beauty, and his great love of our country, shown by his being one of America’s warriors and heroes! Ted had so much love, kindness, experiences, knowledge, and a great friend all these years! Ted is and will be in our prayers now and forever! We have lost a fine friend! Margret and Dean Cuttill

Margret & Dean Cuttill - July 07, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ A lot of great memories of Ted and the "old neighborhood". Went thru Centennial and Lakeview with him. He was a good man. He will be missed. Rip Ted. No more pain my friend.

Gary Wilson - July 07, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ Ted was a gentle man that showed kindness to all. I did not know him well. But have heard plenty of good stories from my husband and some of his other friends. May God take your pain and watch over you all. God Bless You Ted, rest in peace, your pain is gone.

Debbie Crawford - July 07, 2020 at 12:36 PM



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Paul Crawford - July 07, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ Ah yes. How well I remember you two and your '58s.

Gary Wilson - July 07, 2020 at 05:19 PM