



## RICHARD MATHIS

January 11, 2013

### Obituary of RICHARD MATHIS

Mr. Richard Gurney "Maggie" Mathis, 81, Astor passed away Friday, January

11, 2013. Born in Huston, Alabama, he moved to the Ocala and Salt

Springs area in 1972 from Winter Haven. He then moved to Astor in 2009

from Salt Springs. He was an automotive mechanic by trade, having

garages in Polk County. He also owned two bars in the Ocala Forest area.

He was an Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict having received a Purple

Heart and a Bronze Star. He was a Protestant and a member of the Astor

V.F.W., Astor Moose and the American Legion of Candler. He is survived by two sons: Richard Tony (Debbie) Mathis, Ocklawaha, FL, Johnny "J.R." (Karen) Mathis, Ocklawaha, FL; two daughters: Kitty (Phillip) Whigham, Altoona, FL, Rita (Rick) Taylor, Sweetwater, TN; three brothers: Lamar Mathis, Winter Haven, FL, Donnie Mathis, Auburndale, FL,

Ronnie (Teresa) Mathis, Lakeland, FL; six sisters: Dorothy Crowell, Winter Haven, FL, Mary Leatherwood, Winter Haven, FL, Nina (Ralph) Martin, Auburndale, FL, Faye (Charles) Bagent, Auburndale, FL, Marty Albritton, Auburndale, FL, Jan (Shannon) McComas, Highland City, FL; 9 Grandchildren and 19 Great Grandchildren.

#### Visitation

The family will receive friends from Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. until service time at 1:00 p.m. at the Beyers-Purcell Chapel, Bushnell.

#### Services

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at the Beyers Funeral Home, Purcell Chapel, 114 W. Noble Avenue, Bushnell, FL.

#### Interment

Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell with Military Honors.



# Tribute Wall



“ *RICHARD MATHIS*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *He was a very wonderful Man, & always very kind, He will be missed a lot, & so sorry for your lost, With Love from the Streetman Family*

**Denise Streetman** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *DAD. You will be surely missed, I am THANKFUL I could be with you during last few months and I hope there is nothing more I could have done for you I hope you tell all Hi up there and give MOM a hug PLEASE REMEMBER I LOVE YOU DAD!!!! miss ya LOVE RITA*

**Rita** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Another hero has left us! He was a great man. I was fortunate to call him my uncle. He loved his kids so much and was very proud of them! I will miss him, even though we didn't see each other that much. We love you Uncle Gurney so much. You are in a wonderful pain free place now. You can fish and see all your friends & family. I know they are all waiting with open arms for you! Love, Kenneth & Sandy*

**Kenneth & Sandy** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Kitty and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.

Jane Crow - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Diane and Rick, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your time of loss. Bev and Ron Edwards

Bev and Ron Edwards - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Gurney has long been a huge inspiration in my life and will be deeply missed and long admired. My deepest and most sincere sympathies to everyone. Marty

Marty Smith - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Rita, Tony, Kitty and Johnny, Just want you to know that we are thinking of you and your families as this time saddens everyone. Death is supposed to be the beginning but none of want to lose those we love. May God Bless each of you, Gurney was special to us. Love, Roger and Linda

Roger & Linda Griggs - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Rita (and family), I am saddened to hear of your loss, but grateful that NMr. Richard is no longer suffering in this life. Please know that you'll are in my thoughts and prayers.

Michele Modling - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Uncle Gurney will be missed not only by his kids, grandkids & family but by all the friends he has met in his lifetime! God bless you and make sure you give momma and daddy hugs for me. I love you always Bette

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**Bette Roller Riley** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Condolences to the famly from friends of Rita's

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**Joe & Sharon Thompson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ I am so sorry the the Mathis family loss. Having known Mr. Mathis for quite a few years he was always kind and courtious. He would stop by and say hello whenever he was at an appointment at the Veterans Hospital in Gainseville. Prayers to the entire Mathis clan.

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**George L. King Jr.** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Kitty and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Eugene and Sandy** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ i am sorry for your loss and hope you are ok thru all this be strong and stay strong as you have god on your side

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**lewis** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Rick and Diann, Please know you are in our most loving thoughts and prayers this day as you bid farewell to a very special hero! We feel honored to have kown him. Stay strong and know you are much loved!

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**Russ and Carolyn** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM