



Don Mathis

January 15, 1927 - February 22, 2022

Funeral services for PASTOR DON MATHIS, 95, will be held at 10am Monday, February 28, 2022 at the Rendevous Center at the Goshen County Fairgrounds. Burial will follow in the LaGrange Cemetery in LaGrange, Wyoming. Don became absent from the body, present with the Lord, February 22, 2022 at Goshen Healthcare Community in Torrington, Wyoming. Memorials may be given to Eastgate Baptist Church or Goshen Healthcare Community Activities Department both in Torrington. Visitation will be Sunday from 3pm to 5pm and the casket will be closed at the service. Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Don was born January 15, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan to Ken and Faye Mathis. Upon growing up in Detroit he left home at sixteen desiring to work on a farm with animals. He met Betty Jo Hice in high school, and they were married February 15, 1946, a week following her eighteenth birthday. Don and Betty Jo became Christians in 1950. Their first baby, Mary Ellen, born in 1947 died when she was only twelve days old. That sorrow, along with the unexplainable change in Don's brother, Ken—who had recently been born again, were used by God to bring them to believe upon Christ. This changed their lives and their priorities completely. The goal of owning a farm with prize winning dairy cows was gone. Instead, a hunger to understand the Bible for what it really is – the Word of God became their utmost goal. They sold their beloved Jersey dairy herd, abandoning the temporal goal for an eternal one. With their two young children, they left the farm and Don enrolled in a Bible institute. It was there they became lifelong students of the Word of God. Don would become a pastor, serving in churches in Michigan, Wyoming and Nebraska. With wife Betty Jo at his side, they worked as a team to preach Christ crucified. Loving people by telling them of Christ who alone could change their lives. For the past several years his flock has been the residents of Goshen Healthcare Community nursing home in Torrington.

Don loved his Savior, God's Word, his wife, and other people, in that order. He was no respecter of persons: "There are two kinds of people in this world—saved or lost. "

Don was preceded in death by his wife Betty Jo. He is survived by his beloved brother Ken (Carole) Mathis; seven children Bill Mathis, Linda (Mike) Ronk, Loretta (Rick) Roberts, Gayle (David) Johnson, Jim (Mary) Mathis, Tedd (Dawn) Mathis and Scott (Diane) Mathis; twenty-two grandchildren; and a plethora of great and great-great-grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

LaGrange

LaGrange, WY

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **27**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Colyer Funeral Home
PO Box 20 / 2935 Main
Torrington, WY 82240
colyerfuneralhome@gmail.com

Service

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Rendezvous Center/Fairgrounds
Torrington, WY

Tribute Wall

DM

“ God bless you all. Your Dad and mother were so special. I met them when my mother was at Goshen care center. They were both such a blessing to us. I had the privilege of also helping them when I moved to Torrington for a while. They were were so faithful in their service for the Saviour. I have all of your mother's books and treasure them.

Donna Michel - March 02 at 12:15 PM

CV

“ Uncle Don and Aunt Betty Jo were always so kind to me. The whole family helped me in my walk with Christ from the time I was a small child to adulthood. Thank you so much. Uncle Don and Aunt Betty Jo will always be remembered with love.
Cheryl Vanderbeek



Cheryl Vanderbeek - February 28 at 12:37 AM

ET

“ To Don Mathis' family: I got to know your dad when my dad, Kent Williams, was a resident in our local nursing home. Dad, Mom and I greatly appreciated Pastor Don's ministry to the residents and thoroughly enjoyed his services, wonderful messages and music that we hadn't got to sing in years. I don't grieve, rather, I celebrate that he is in the place where there is no sickness or pain same as my dad. Naturally, we miss them, but we will see them again. In Christ, Erin Tian

Erin Tian - February 26 at 09:36 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Don Mathis.



February 26 at 08:34 PM

MH

“ Pastor Don...I will never forget his calm, loving voice. As a very young girl, Pastor Don left a huge impact on me and my family. We know he is one of the "good and faithful servants !"

Marleta Hastings - February 26 at 11:00 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Don Mathis.*



February 25 at 06:48 PM

PC

“ *Pueblo West Baptist Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Don Mathis.*



Pueblo West Baptist Church - February 25 at 06:47 PM

PF

“ *Phyllis Pickens and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Don Mathis.*



Phyllis Pickens and Family - February 25 at 06:13 PM

PP

“ *I remember Pastor Mathis when he was pastor at the Clarksville Bible Church. He, Betty Jo and their Family were highly thought of in our community and much loved. One particular event is still vivid in my mind. Pastor Don 's love of horses was very evident. One day when I rode into town with my horse, Pastor Don was in his yard and stopped me so he could pet Tony. I asked him if he wanted to ride him and of course he was thrilled to pieces and jumped at the chance. He had a good ride and the smile on his face lit up the whole town. May God comfort and keep the Family during this time of sadness, but rejoice in the knowledge we will all be reunited when it is our time to meet Jesus face to face. God Bless!*

*Phyllis Pickens
Clarksville, MI*

Phyllis Pickens - February 25 at 06:05 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Don Mathis.*



February 25 at 04:28 PM

DE

“ *Dan an I can not begin to tell you what this man meant to us. His love of God and his selfless friendship, will remain with us always. He will be truly missed.*

Dan and Jan Eckdahl - February 25 at 04:23 PM

DF

“ *Dave Kuhn and family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Don Mathis.*



Dave Kuhn and family. - February 25 at 09:54 AM

WC

“ *With love Clarksville Bible Church purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Don Mathis.*



With love Clarksville Bible Church - February 24 at 03:08 PM