



# James F. Matheny

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**F**uneral services for James F. Matheny, 77 of Newark will be held Friday September 17, 2021 at Noon in the Newark Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Smith officiating. Burial will be in Newark Memorial Gardens with military honors conducted by the Licking County Veterans Alliance. The family would like to invite Jim's friends to participate in his final Cruise to the cemetery.

Mr. Matheny passed away Saturday September 11, 2021 at Licking Memorial Hospital. He was born January 1, 1944 in Logan, OH to the Rev. Delbert F. and Essie M. (McFann) Matheny.

Jim was a 1961 graduate of Nelsonville York High School. He served during the Vietnam Era in U. S. Air Force from 1961-1964. He retired in 1996 as the customer service manager at Rockwell International with 31 years of service having worked in Marysville and Heath. He had also held positions with the Newark City Schools, Super Chevy Car Show Organization and Let's Go Cruising Magazine. He was Chairman many years of "Lite the Nite" and operated Jim Matheny Kar Shoz.

Jim held memberships in the Licking Aerie # 387 Fraternal Order of Eagles, Newark Rodders, Licking County Sheriff & Newark Police Citizen Academies and Heath Moundbuilders Kiwanis.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Joyce A. (Boyd) Matheny; children, Mark (Melina) Matheny, Annette Duboe (Chuck Davis), Charelle Matheny (Ali Ahli), Jim E. Matheny; grandchildren, Season, Chyna, Yahshua, Megan, Austin, Manal, Saif, Mahra, Ghaith, AlAnoud, Elijah, Kyla, Brianna, Skyler, Zoe, Beckett; great-grandchildren, Cali, Apollo, Emmett, Miriam, Waylon, Cora and Zayed; sister, Georgina Matheny; brothers, Larry Matheny, Delbert Matheny, Kenny Matheny; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Peggy Jo Matheny; brothers, Ronald Matheny, Chris Matheny, Rick Matheny, Randy Matheny.



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Visitation will be observed Thursday, September 16, 2021 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Vensil & Chute Funeral Home 1850 West Main Street and one hour before services on Friday.

The family requests memorial contributions to help defray funeral expenses.



## Tribute Wall

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TU

**Tony Underwood** posted:

I spent many a day with Jim at the Jolly Pirate on 30th street, drinking coffee, solving the worlds problems and talking cars. Damn sad to hear he passed, Newark has truly lost a legend. Rest in peace my old friend

September 25 at 4:15 PM

JB

**John And Wendy Black** posted:

Jim and I met at Annarinos Karate School many years ago. We would eat at Friches (old location). I sat with Jim for promotion and George for protection. Jim was a great promoter. He was responsible for one of the best car shows The Hebron Historical Society and Museum ever had. He always called me "The Reverend Mr. Black". He was the originator of The Lite the Nite Cruise In. What a tremendous success that is. I think the event should be named after him so he will be remembered. Our condolences to his family.

September 17 at 9:16 PM

SB

**Sharon Bowersock** posted:

Joyce and family. We are so sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed being with you n Jim. Love and prayers. Sharon n Mike Bowersock

September 17 at 8:56 AM

GA

**Georgena Matheny Allen** posted:

Oh my Dear Big Brother. How I will miss you. I'm so thankful for all the visits we had while I was home. Precious memories. I cherish the multitude of correspondence we have shared. The lunch dates, funny stories, family memories. They will be in my heart forever. Your Loving Sister. Georgie.

September 17 at 7:24 AM

KW

**Kenneth Wilson** posted:

Please accept my condolences. I'm one of the car show followers, for years. All the work that Jim did to have those shows did not go un-noticed. It was a big job! I don't know if these "big " shoes can be filled. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I cannot be there today because of an operation I had yesterday. M y wife forbid me to go out, but I am there in spirit. Jim always called me " Ken, turn the music down, Wilson"

September 17 at 6:17 AM



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WB

**Wade Blackburn** posted:

Always appreciated Jim in helping support Happy Apple Days when we had it. Was their to support others.

September 16 at 1:21 PM

JB

**Joyce Benson** posted:

So sorry to hear of his passing! He was such a great guy and helped with our car shows for C-Tec and the FOP. He will be missed by so many people! RIP Jim.

September 15 at 8:49 PM

JT

**Jeff Tolley** posted:

Jim was a good friend! And a great guy. Will be missed by many!

September 15 at 5:39 PM

RP

**Rick Perry** posted:

Jim was a good friend of the Perry family for the car show when Don passed away. Rockwell guys were a good group. So sorry for your loss. Rest in peace. Goodbye Jim.

September 15 at 8:17 AM

CN

**Chris Neely** posted:

Joyce, I was so saddened to learn of Jim's death. What a great guy! I shall miss seeing him at Jolly Pirate where he always gave me a hard time.in jest, of course. And I know that Lite the Nite shall never be the same without his guiding presence. Deepest sympathy to you and the kids. I may have retired but have never forgotten the families like yours that made my job so enjoyable.With deepest sympathy,Chris

September 15 at 6:41 AM

BR

**Bill Repp** posted:

Went to many car shows Jim hosted...prayers to the family

September 14 at 6:20 PM



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RS

**Rodney & Phyllis Swigert** posted:

Sorry to hear about Jim's passing. I hope all the good memories will help ease the pain of losing him.

September 14 at 5:26 PM

GB

**Gary Babcock** posted:

Love, Thoughts and Prayers to the friends and family at this time of great loss. Jungle Jim was one great friend! He will be sorely missed!

September 14 at 2:58 PM

GT

**Graden ( Hoppy ) Thomas** posted:

I worked with James at Rockwell. He Was a Good Man, heck of a Worker. He did alot for the Community, and Helped alot of Pple He Will be Greatly Missed, Thoughts and Prayers to his Family at this Difficult Time. Rest In Peace James

September 14 at 2:30 PM

DB

**Don Bennett** posted:

Awesome man did a lot for the community a good friend who loved God. Prayer to the family.

September 14 at 1:17 PM

TP

**Tim And Carmen Porter** posted:

In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will miss you. Tim and Carmen Porter

September 14 at 12:29 PM

MA

**Mark Anecillo** posted:

thoughts and prayers to Jims family he will be sadly missed God Bless .

September 14 at 10:01 AM



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JP

**Joan Priest** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Jim was a wonderful man. Prayers for your family. Joan & Jaay Priest Florida

September 14 at 10:01 AM

LC

**Linda Cannoy** posted:

He was a great customer and more at jolly pirate donuts and teejays he met with his friends and ate planning car shows we always talked to him when he helped at American legion crossroad crusader meals he will be loved and missed we are praying for his family

September 14 at 7:46 AM

LC

**Linda Cannoy** posted:

We want to say how he was a great man he served us meals at American legion in 2020 we was hoping to talk with him inside at the crossroad crusader meals in Nov and Dec he meant a lot to our pastor Tim cowards and Jason offenbaker was good friends we are going to the showing to pay our respects to his family we are praying for them

September 14 at 7:06 AM



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