



## Rev Robert Lee Mathes Sr

October 5, 1931 - October 4, 2018

-- Alton

Rev. Robert Lee Mathes Sr., age 86 died at 3:05 PM on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at John Cochran VA Hospital in St. Louis. Born in East St. Louis on October 5, 1931 he was the son of the late Dalton Shelby and Emily Etta (Hudson) Mathes. Robert was a US Navy Korean War veteran and a member of Abundant Life Community Church in Alton. He began his professional life as a music and choral teacher in various school systems, pastored in Nashville, IL and Granite City, IL and was currently the Sr. Adult Pastor at Abundant Life Community Church in Alton. He married the former Katherine Alice (Talbot) on September 18, 1955 and she preceded him in death on January 19, 2014. Surviving are three children; Bridget Renee Jones of Eules, TX, Robert Lee Mathes Jr. (Marsha Kay) of Newbern, TN and Carla IvEtta Chappee (Eric Evens) of Alton, Grandchildren; Mitchel Scott Mathes ( Sarah Megan), Jessica Renee White (Steven Ray), Parrish Channing Dunbar, Callie Jane Chappee, Joselyn Noemi LeeEtta Chappee and two great grandchildren; Alyssa Paige and Cash Makakoa. He was preceded in death by nine siblings. Visitation will be from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at Abundant Life Community Church in Alton where funeral services will be at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 with Pastor Roy Rhodes officiating. Burial will be with full military honors at Jefferson

Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis. Memorials may be given to the church. Additional information and online guestbook may be found at [www.geantfuneralhome.com](http://www.geantfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

St. Louis, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Abundant Life Community Church  
Alton  
Alton, IL

## Funeral

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Abundant Life Community Church  
Alton  
Alton, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev Robert Lee Mathes Sr*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Rev Robert Lee Mathes Sr*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I went to an internship at the church and I always got there before everyone else, so I went to help pastor bob in the mornings. He always asked me how I was doing and I'd always say "Good", and I'd ask him how he was doing and he'd always say "Grateful and Blessed" even when it was pouring rain and in sorrow.*  
*Adelaide Liljedahl*

**Adelaide Liljedahl** - October 09, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ *I was blessed to know Pastor Bob as a friend and co-worker. He always came into the church with a positive attitude and a grateful heart. I learned so much from him.*

**Joni Liljedahl** - October 09, 2018 at 03:33 PM



“ *Cathy, Jon, Julie and Sophia purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rev Robert Lee Mathes Sr.*



**Cathy, Jon, Julie and Sophia** - October 09, 2018 at 06:23 AM

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“ *the Clark family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rev Robert Lee Mathes Sr.*



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**the Clark family** - October 08, 2018 at 04:47 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev Robert Lee Mathes Sr.*



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October 07, 2018 at 08:14 PM

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“ *In my youth, Pastor Mathes was an anchor of sorts to me. He always pushed me to sing, let God's love flow through the music. Between him and Sister Kathy, I always felt like I had great council. I am praying for Ivetta, Renee, & Bob Jr. Let's celebrate the life of this Veteran, Pastor, Teacher with reverence and humbleness. Walk those streets of gold Pastor!!! Always Loved...Coram "Buddy" Davis*

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**CORAM DAVIS** - October 06, 2018 at 12:12 PM

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“Heaven gain an Angel yesterday. Pastor Bob Mathes was loved by all who knew him. He was more than just a Pastor to me, he was a friend and teacher, he care about not only were you a Christian and going to Heaven, but he cared about people and things they we're going through. I have so many memories of him two that keep coming to my mind are when I was in first grade and in a cast from the waist down, he was my Tudor but he didn't just teach my school lessons with me on the bed he got down on the floor with me when I would be on my scooter. The other memory is when he did mine and Molly Nickerson Honor Star Crowning at Nashville Assembly of God Church. He was a great man of God and a great man that I truly admired, appreciated and loved. I truly will miss him as I do his dear wife Kathy and will never forget them. My heart goes out to his family Carla IvEtta Mathes Chappée, Bridget Renee Jones, Bob Jr. a their families. Pastor and Kathy are United again in Heaven and you will see them again one day. Sending lots loves, hugs and prayers to his entire family.



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Crystal Agnew Willis - October 06, 2018 at 05:50 AM