



Lewis Ray Matthews

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Lewis Ray Matthews, age 84, of North Ridgeville, passed away at his home on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. He was born in Denbo, Pennsylvania and had been a resident of North Ridgeville for 54 years. Lewis served in the US Army during the Vietnam War and worked as an operator for First Energy, retiring in 1993. He enjoyed owning multiple German Shepherds, cutting grass, planting and working on older cars. He was a member of the American Legion Post 0275 in Grindstone, Pennsylvania.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Barbara (nee Haurin), brother-in-law Jack Haurin of Fairview, sister-in-law, Helen Longsdorf of Berea, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Iva Matthews, siblings, Jim, Dorothy, Charles, Thelma, Sylvia, David, and Faye.

Friends may call Sunday from 1PM-5PM at the Bogner Family Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville. Services will be held on Monday at 12 -noon at the funeral home. Rev. Chuck Behrens will officiate.

Entombment will be at Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmsted.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Friendship APL at www.friendshipapl.org



Events

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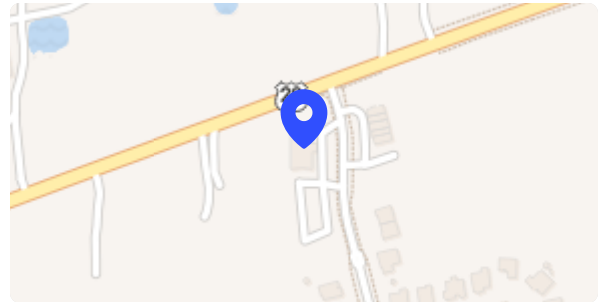
Visitation

Sunday, January 26, 2025

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET

Bogner Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services

36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville OH 44039



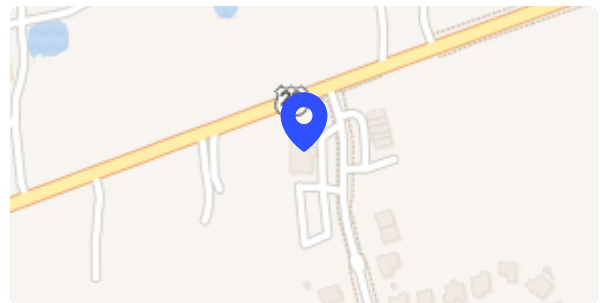
Funeral Service

Monday, January 27, 2025

12:00 PM ET

Bogner Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services

36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville OH 44039



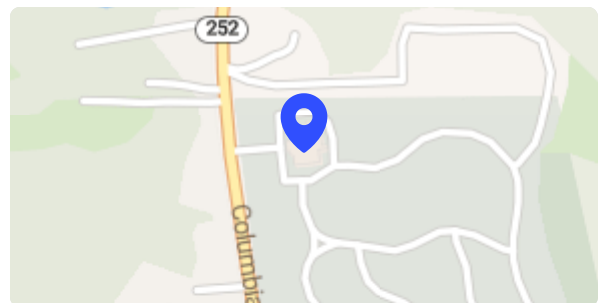
Interment

Monday, January 27, 2025

Sunset Memorial Park
North Olmsted,

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park
6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Matthews family.



January 24 at 8:28 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lewis.

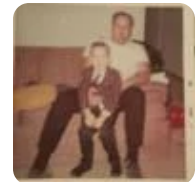


January 24 at 8:28 AM



David Henry shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Me (Kenny) and my Uncle Louie 1967. I have fond memories and will miss him.



January 23 at 5:00 PM



Erica Axford posted:

Lou not only were you & Barb great neighbors down here in the country, but you were as close to family there is. We shared many of the same interests and the love of a quiet, peaceful place to retreat to after the hustle and bustle of everyday life. I will miss all of the great conversations and wisdom that you had to share. We will continue to keep an eye on the animals that you and Barb love so much. We are forever grateful that you allowed Russ, Jarrod, myself, and others to be a part of your extended family. I will pick a big pumpkin out for you and a beautiful mum for Barb this fall. I know Barb, aka Babe will miss you everyday but God willing we will help her as much as we can. It already feels strange to look out the window and see all of the future chores that need taken care of knowing you won't be here to supervise. Thank you for teaching me how to use a chainsaw without cutting off an arm or leg. You sure knew how to put in a hard day's work and feel great about it. We created a paradise here on earth, now go enjoy the paradise that we know as heaven. Much love to you. Erica and Russell Axford

January 22 at 10:43 AM



Jerry, Gene, Stush sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Matthews family.



January 22 at 10:02 AM



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Connie Picha lit a candle in honor of Lewis.



January 22 at 9:50 AM



Connie Picha January 22 at 10:02 AM

Lew, You will be missed terribly. I remember the first time I met you and Barb when I was walking Stoker (GSD) and we talked. As time went on we became such good friends and for the last 24 almost 25 years we have done so much together, those are memories I will always cherish. I so appreciated all the help and fun you, Barb, Bill and I would do working with Weeping Willow German Shepherd Rescue doing the events and working with the dogs. Recently, as I am now President and carrying on with Weeping Willow German Shepherd Rescue, we always enjoyed coming home from the events and telling you and Barb about it and bringing you a little something to make you feel like you were there. My family always had so much fun talking with you and Barb at the dinners and especially at Thanksgiving meals. Lew, no more pain for you I know you are with God and giving a great story about German Shepherds. We have the pain now of missing you and the wonderful times. As I write this I think about more and more I want to say about more and more things we did and how close we became. Bonfires, feeding the deer, dinners, watching TV, teaching you the computer, getting cable and on and on. I miss you and will help Barb, as promised to you, in every way I can. Lew, please check on all the German Shepherds we both have lost and give them all the love they can handle till one day we can all be together. Miss you my dear friend! Connie



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lewis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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