

*In Loving Memory
Of
Joe Lewis Matthews
"Poppa Thew"*



September 7, 1944 - September 24, 2007

Friday, September 28, 2007

1:00 p.m.

Pleasant Grove Church Family
15439 Hastings Road
Athens, Alabama

John W. Jude, Senior Pastor, Officiating

The Obituary

*Let the Works I've Done,
Oh Lord, Speak for Me!*



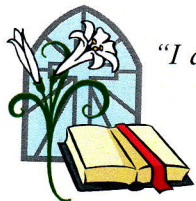
Joe Lewis Matthews, "Poppa Thew" as he was fondly called, was born on September 7, 1944 to the late Ms. Olivia Matthews and the late Richard Moore. He departed this life in the comforts of his home on a bright beautiful sunny day, September 24, 2007.

Oh Lord, Speak for Me! He accepted Christ as his personal savior on January 7, 2001 and was baptized on January 14, 2001 and united with the Pleasant Grove Church Family under the leadership of Pastor John W. Jude.

Joe Lewis was employed at ATI Alldyne (Formerly Wah Chang) where he was a faithful employee with his twin brother Robert Lewis for over 30 years. He was married to Barbara Robinson Matthews whom he affectionately called (Bobbie) for 43 years. To this great union 3 beautiful children were born. Through out Papa Thew's illness he never experienced pain. He wanted everyone to know that no matter how it looks on the outside and no matter what the circumstances are we must learn to rejoice in the Lord.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories his wife: Bobbie Matthews; one son: Gary Lyn (Jan) Matthews, Athens, AL; two daughters: Angela Matthews and Amy (Willie T.) Brown, Huntsville, AL; four grandchildren: Timothy (Amber) Matthews of Huntsville, AL., Tristian Matthews, Marcilla Matthews and Malik Matthews all of Athens, AL; three great-grandchildren: McKenzie Jones, Erin Matthews and Ryan Matthews all of Huntsville, AL.

Also left to cherish his memories are four brothers: James Ollie Matthews, Huntsville, AL; Robert Matthews, Harvest, AL; Larry (LaVon) Matthews, Huntsville, AL, Richard Moore, Jr., St. Louis, MO; six sisters: Gladys Jefferson, Harvest, AL, Gladys (Ulysses) Smith, Rockford, IL, Laura Hereford; Athens, AL, Olivia Moore and Dorothy Woodruff of Decatur, AL, Florida Dickinson, Thomasville, AL; two sisters-in-law: Carmen Inez (Carl) Turner and Thelma Robinson both of Huntsville, AL; three brothers-in-law: John H. (Catherine) Robinson, Curtis (Gloria) Robinson and Willie Robinson all of Chattanooga, TN, one aunt: (Aunt Bush) Ellie Hughes, Huntsville, AL, one great aunt-in-law: Queen Ester Seay of Huntsville, AL.



"I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

John 11:25-26

Order of Worship

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOE LEWIS MATTHEWS

Processional

Song of Praise *"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus"* Music Ministry

Opening Prayer Elder Lawrence Moore

Song of Praise *"Still Waters"* Music Ministry

Reading of the Word Rev. Barbara Clemons, Youth Pastor

Tribute *"As I knew Him"* Billy Ray Matthews

Special Family Friend Terry Q Lynch

Acknowledgements Mother Mattie Lacey

Song of Praise *"Run"* Music Ministry

THE WORD Pastor Jude

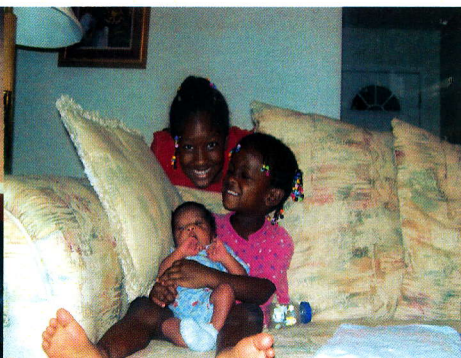
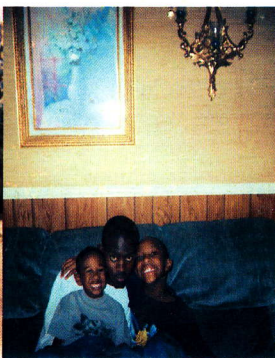
Song of Praise *"Jordan River"* Music Ministry

Closing Prayer Elder Gary Jones

Recessional



Let the Works I've Done, Oh Lord, Speak for Me!



Pops

*I just want to thank you for always being there for me,
keeping me out of trouble, and for always loving me.*

*Thank you for the fishing trips,
the driving lessons, and the many car repairs.*

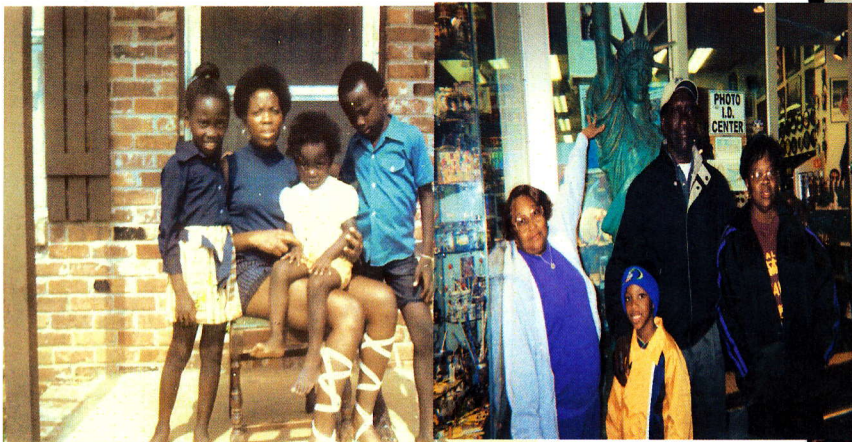
*I'll hold dear all the memories and
cherish each moment that we've shared.*

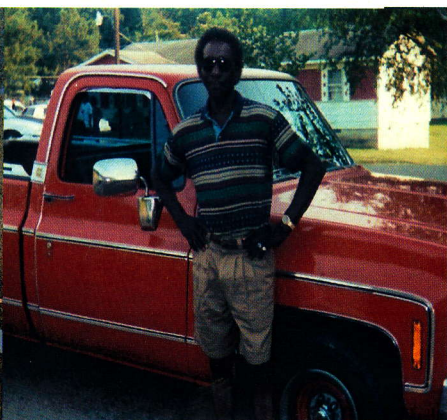
*Over the years, you've shown me how a man should be
and how to provide for my family.*

Now that it is my turn, I won't let you down.

In my heart, is where you'll be.

Love,
Tim





Tribute

*Take your rest daddy; at first I could not accept
that the road was getting weary.*

*But God silently said, "Nese, my child,
it's come time for daddy to take his rest."*

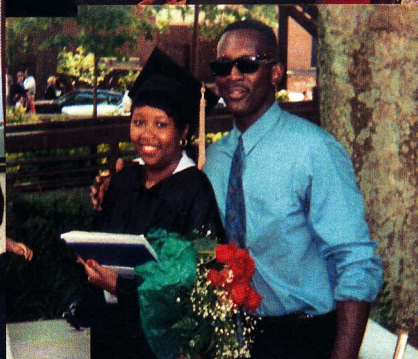
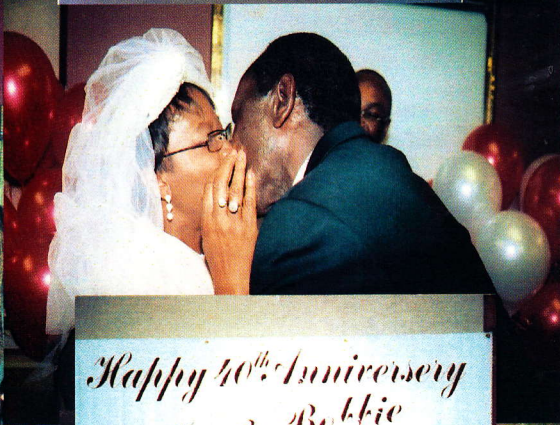
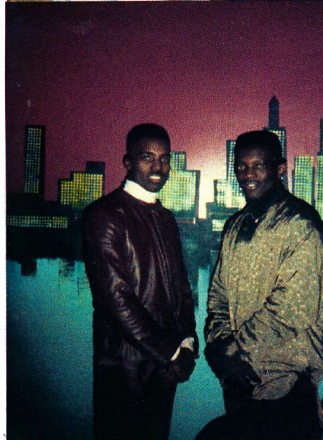
You fought a good fight; you gave it your best

We are OK Daddy, take your rest.

We love you.

Nese





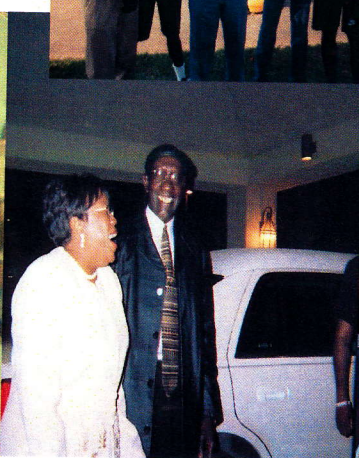
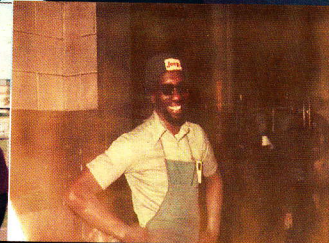
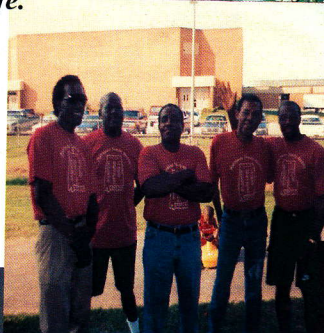


*Daddy you were the best dad anyone in the world
could have had the blessing of wanting.
Daddy it took everything in me to finally let you go;
but, with God's guidance I did. You were the best.
You inspired in me wisdom and love.
I will carry that with me for the rest of my life. I
thank God everyday for choosing you to be
my Father. Thank you for all the love and
wonderful memories you've given me in life.*

I'm going to miss you Daddy.



*Love,
Your Baby Girl
Amy*



Pallbearers

Ricky Matthews
Bobby Joe Matthews
Bobby Matthews
Roosevelt Jefferson
Allen Seay



Ronnie Matthews
Thomas Gideon
Donnie Matthews
Carl Jefferson
Jerry Seay



Flower Bearers

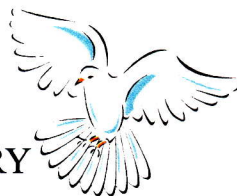
Melissa A. Seay
Veronica Walton
Patricia Jefferson-McCrary



Shelia Bright
Diane Matthews
Lois Matthews

Interment

MADISON GARDENS CEMETERY
(Formerly Royal Cemetery)
Madison, Alabama



Acknowledgement

The family of Joe Matthews wishes to express their appreciation for all acts of kindness shown to them during the illness and death of their loved one.

Your prayers, calls, cards, flowers, food and other acts of kindness have been a tower of strength. May God continue to bless you as you continue to bless others.

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