



## John William Mathews

December 10, 1944 - January 5, 2024

JOHN WILLIAM MATHEWS  
NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

Watch his Video Tribute at: (UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

Lifelong New Harmony resident, John William Mathews, passed away January 5, 2024, surrounded by his wife, children, and grandchildren at the age of 79. John was a devoted family man and kindhearted friend to all who knew him.

He was born on December 10, 1944 in New Harmony, Indiana. The son of Bill and Arleta (McRae) Mathews. He graduated from New Harmony High School in 1962. He then went on to ITT Technical School where he earned an associate degree.

John married the love of his life, Sharon O'Dell on April 27, 1979, and she survives.

John retired in 1999 after working for Indiana Bell/AT&T for 33 years. After retiring, John took his Master Carpentry skills and remodeled several historic homes in New Harmony. His passion was to restore them to their original beauty and ornate detail, to which he excelled. He also enjoyed vintage cars, John Deere Tractors, and attending Wilson's Auctions on Saturday's.

In addition to his wife, John leaves behind his children, Melissa (Greg) Knight of Carmi, IL, John (Devvy) Mathews II of Mt. Vernon, IN, David (Chabli)

Mathews of New Harmony, IN, George (Julie) Brunner of Evansville, IN, and Robin (Donnie) Basham of Poseyville, IN, his pride and joy, 10 grandchildren: Ashleigh (Matt) Turner, Andrew Knight, Jordan (Carly) Knight, Cassidy Knight, John Mathews III, Addison Mathews, Trevor Loehr, Savannah Mathews, Lily Brunner, and Kaylee Brunner. Great grandchildren: Mason Ezra Turner, Maylee Jo Knight, Cason Leo Knight, and Ellis Jo Knight (Due in February). Also surviving, his sister, Janice Burton of Evansville, IN and a brother-in-law, Bob (Cathy) O'Dell of Spring Branch, TX. Several nieces and nephews also survive, along with his sweet yorkie companion Phoebe whom he loved dearly.

John was greeted in heaven by his twin great granddaughters Ansley Marie and Audrey Elizabeth Turner, his cousin and best friend Jimmy Mathews and his yorkies: Amos, Snoopy and Buster.

Our Family would like to thank the Critical Care ICU Team at Deaconess Midtown in Evansville, IN, for their kindness and compassion while caring for our beloved Husband, Dad, and Grandpa.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m., Thursday , January 11, 2024 at the Werry Funeral Home – New Harmony Chapel with burial in Maple Hill Cemetery in New Harmony, Indiana.

Visitation will be held 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Thursday January 11, 2024, at the funeral home.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Maple Hill Cemetery, PO Box 340, New Harmony, Indiana 47631, in memory of John.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

5890 Maple Hill Road  
New Harmony, IN 47631

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. (New Harmony)  
615 S Brewery  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Werry Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John William Mathews*



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**Werry Funeral Homes, Inc.** - January 08, 2024 at 04:06 PM

DM

“ *So sorry to learn of your loss.  
Love and prayers,  
Darlene McDurmon*

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**Darlene McDurmon** - January 12, 2024 at 08:09 PM

WC

“ *Sharon and family,  
So sorry to hear of John's passing. He always had a smile to share.  
Thoughts and prayers to you.  
Wanda Cummings*

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**Wanda Cummings** - January 11, 2024 at 08:33 PM

RP

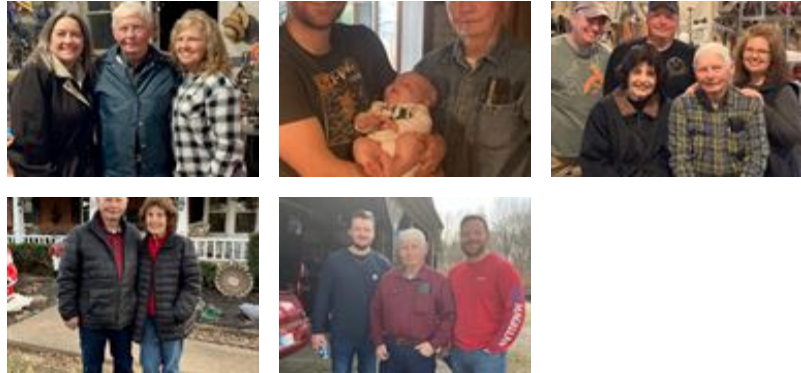
“ *We are losing a great guy and amazing family man. He will be missed. New Harmony won't be the same without him. So sorry he has past  
Bob Pote*

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**Robert pote** - January 10, 2024 at 07:02 PM



“ 7 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. - January 09, 2024 at 03:08 PM



“ Love, The Uniseal Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William Mathews.

Love, The Uniseal Family - January 09, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John William Mathews.



January 09, 2024 at 02:40 PM

JL

“ Well, it's hard to find the words - John was our good friend! We ate breakfast with him and Sharon every Sunday morning at the Diner or in Albion for I don't know how many years. Sometimes we would go on buying excursions with them which were always so enjoyable. Of course, we would meet up at Wilson's Auctions and I would tell him he didn't need to buy anything else lol. A sweeter, kinder human being it would be hard to find unless it's his wife, Sharon, who kept him on the straight and narrow. We are going to miss him soooo much!!!

Jenny & Ric Lloyd - January 09, 2024 at 01:08 PM

TF

“ The Pace & Barnes Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John William Mathews.



The Pace & Barnes Families - January 09, 2024 at 12:48 PM

RG

“ my sympathies to family John was a very special gift God sent us I knew john & his sister Janice when we lived near each other many years ago on old plank road & cooper's lane . He has left his family and his New Harmony family with so much of his being and we will be blessed for a long time with all he gave See you later, John

Ruth Ann Hames Grebe - January 09, 2024 at 11:53 AM

EK

Sharon, so sorry to hear of John's passing. He restored my grandmother Miesel's house. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Elizabeth Owen Koester

Elizabeth Koester - January 12, 2024 at 12:55 AM

DG

“ Sharon and family,  
What a beautiful tribute and legacy. Sending much love and prayers. God bless always.

Doris Perkins Goodman - January 09, 2024 at 09:53 AM

DW

“ Sharon, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband John. Even though I never meet him, I remember you telling me about him. We became good friends at GE. I sold office supplies for Smith and Butterfield in the basement of building 1. I have never forgotten you even though it has been a long time. I will keep you and your family in my prayers at this difficult time in your lifes.

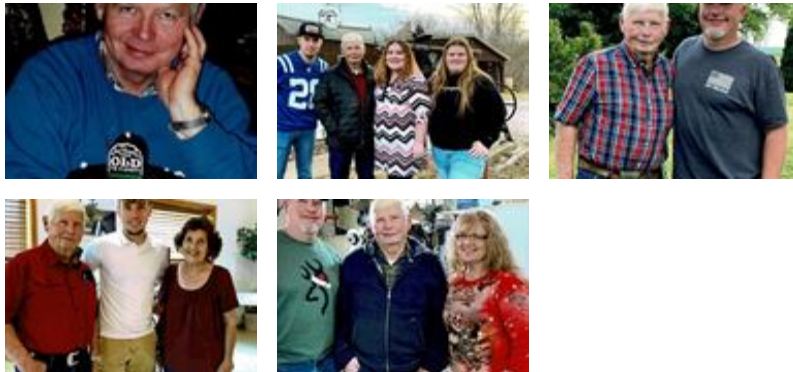
Always your friend,

David E. Weis

David E. Weis - January 09, 2024 at 07:24 AM



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Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. - January 08, 2024 at 03:38 PM