



Bishop Bryan J. Mathews

November 25, 1967 - December 5, 2025

Bishop Bryan James Mathews born on November 25, 1967 received his reward on December 5, 2025.

Bryan's life was set apart at an early age when God called him to preach the Gospel. This call set him on a journey that would take him across the United States and to other nations of the world which include: Mexico, Honduras, Ecuador, Nigeria, Zambia, and Ghana.

While on these missions trips he not only offered the people Jesus as the "Living Water" but would also dig wells to provide them with fresh, clean, life-sustaining water.

Bryan began his ministry as an Evangelist in Ohio before coming to West Virginia as a Church of God State Evangelist. That is when he met his wife, Renee (Simmons) Mathews. Together they Evangelized and Pastored the Highlawn Avenue Church of God Milton, WV, Bethesda Temple of Praise White Sulphur Springs, WV, as well as St. Louis Harvest Church St. Louis, MO and for the past seventeen years he had the honor to pastor OneLife Church in Culloden, WV. With These forty-three years of ministry, he will be remembered for the countless lives that were saved, healed, delivered and set free.

Bryan became a Mentor and Spiritual Father and to many, he was considered a Hero of the Faith.

Bryan not only served as Evangelist and Pastor but was also selected to serve on various state boards including: the State Council, Evangelism, Youth and World Missions Boards for the WV Church of God. He also served on the New River Ranch Board of Directors and also instrumental in planting new churches for other ministries.

Bryan's continuing education in ministry includes Christian Life School of Theology and The National Institute of Christian Leadership. Bryan's love of hunting with his championship dogs resulted in many awards and accolades in the World Tree Dog Association.

While Bryan Mathews accomplished much, faithfully served others, advanced the Kingdom and held many titles, the greatest of these was that of being a father to: Jordan Mathews and wife, Makayla and Destinee (Mathews) Gray and husband, Tristen. Their lives will continue to be a testimony to his legacy.

Bryan was preceded in death by his parents: Bishop CT and Fran Mathews; sister, Me'Chelle Garcia; and nephew, Travis Garcia.

He is also survived by his sister, Crystal Mathews; and was loved by niece, Erika Anderson; and nephews: Lee Lovejoy and Casey Garcia. Bryan's wife, Renee and their family will carry on his legacy with honor and dignity and will continue to Advance the Kingdom.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting Bryan's tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Funeral Service for Bryan will be 12:00 noon Wednesday December 10, 2025

at OneLife Church located at 318 Thompson Road Culloden, WV 25510.
Burial will follow in Forest Memorial Park Ona, WV.

Friends may visit the family from 6:00pm until 8:00pm on Tuesday December 9, 2025 at the church.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the Mathews family again.

Cemetery Details

Forest Memorial Park

2240 US Route 60
Milton, WV 25541

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

One Life Church
318 Thompson Rd
Culloden, WV 25510
(304) 562-9168

Funeral Service

DEC 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

OneLife Church
318 Thompson Road
Culloden, WV

Tribute Wall

AR

“ *My heart is broken to hear this news. Prayers for his beautiful wife and family.*

Angie Roberts - December 14, 2025 at 07:56 PM

MR

“ *Our prayers are with the Mathews family. I have known Bryan since he was just a teen. He preached to our youth group when he was about 15 or 16 year old. CT and Fran was great friends also. CT and Bryan hunted deer with us in southern Ohio. God added a beautiful flower to his garden. He will be missed. Mike and Denise Riffle*

Mike Riffle - December 09, 2025 at 09:20 PM

PW

“ *He was a wonderful man of God. He served his Lord Jesus and His church faithfully. He's home now.*

Pastor james wright - December 09, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.*



December 09, 2025 at 08:40 AM

JW

“ So many memories of this wonderful God fearing family. I remember when Brian was born and I also remember when he told his daddy that God called him to preach., and preached he did. I learned so much from Brother and Sister Mathews growing up. I love this family with all my heart. They are all miss and loved by so many!! ❤️

Joyce Williams - December 09, 2025 at 12:47 AM

RB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Randall Black - December 09, 2025 at 12:07 AM

RB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Randall Black - December 09, 2025 at 12:06 AM

CJ

“ In Loving Memory of Pastor Bryan

Pastor Bryan was a true man of God whose life reflected the faith he preached. He carried himself with a gentle strength, a genuine humility, and a deep love for people that could only come from a heart completely surrendered to Christ. Whether he was standing at the pulpit, kneeling in prayer with someone in need, or offering a quiet word of encouragement in passing, he served with unwavering devotion and compassion.

He poured himself into his ministry, not for recognition, but out of a sincere desire to honor the Lord and care for His people. Pastor Bryan had a unique way of making every person feel seen, valued, and loved. His words were thoughtful and rooted in Scripture, and his actions consistently matched his message. The lives he touched—through his preaching, his counseling, his outreach, and simply his example—are countless.

He lived his faith boldly yet tenderly, guiding others not just with his voice but with his walk. His heart for service, his steadfast belief in God's goodness, and his passion for sharing the Gospel left an imprint that will remain long after his earthly journey has ended.

Though we mourn his passing, we take comfort in knowing he is now in the presence of the Lord he served so faithfully. Pastor Bryan's legacy lives on in the faith he strengthened, the hope he encouraged, and the love he freely shared with all who crossed his path.

He truly impacted our lives and will be greatly missed.

Angela and Charles Jent

Charles Jent - December 08, 2025 at 11:01 PM

JW

“ John W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.

John W. - December 08, 2025 at 09:12 PM

TG

“ The Hatchers- Brian, Courtney & girls purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



The Hatchers- Brian, Courtney & girls - December 08, 2025 at 07:26 PM

MF

“ Mike Dean Duckworth and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



Mike Dean Duckworth and family - December 08, 2025 at 07:26 PM

JP

“ Jim and Wendi Prislipsky planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.

Jim and Wendi Prislipsky - December 08, 2025 at 06:01 PM

JP

“ Jim and Wendi Prislipsky purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



Jim and Wendi Prislipsky - December 08, 2025 at 06:01 PM

MM

“ Mary M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.

Mary M. - December 08, 2025 at 04:30 PM

CF

“ Chrissy Reynolds & Mearl Jr., & Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



Chrissy Reynolds & Mearl Jr., & Family - December 08, 2025 at 01:40 PM

CF

“ Chrissy Reynolds & Mearl Jr., & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.

Chrissy Reynolds & Mearl Jr., & Family - December 08, 2025 at 01:40 PM

DM

“ Donnie Mathews & Aunt Deanna Mathews purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



Donnie Mathews & Aunt Deanna Mathews - December 08, 2025 at 01:31 PM

JO

“ Jeremiah, Haley, Micah, and Overflow planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Bryan J. Mathews.

Jeremiah, Haley, Micah, and Overflow - December 08, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



December 08, 2025 at 12:17 PM

TT

“ Tiffani and Richard Toth purchased the *Forever Our Angel Bouquet* for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



Tiffani and Richard Toth - December 08, 2025 at 10:47 AM

TT

“ Tiffani and Richard Toth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Bryan J. Mathews.

Tiffani and Richard Toth - December 08, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



December 07, 2025 at 07:14 PM

LF

“ Love, Zurzolo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Bryan J. Mathews.

Love, Zurzolo Family - December 07, 2025 at 07:14 PM

RL

“ Randall and Lisa purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



Randall and Lisa - December 07, 2025 at 05:46 PM

BH

“ Bishop Russell & Beverly Hylton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Bryan J. Mathews.

Bishop Russell & Beverly Hylton - December 07, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



December 07, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



December 07, 2025 at 03:30 PM

RL

“ Robert and Della Lucas purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



Robert and Della Lucas - December 07, 2025 at 01:58 PM

DF

“ Darrell, Elizabeth Holliday & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Bryan J. Mathews.

Darrell, Elizabeth Holliday & Family - December 07, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



December 07, 2025 at 12:14 PM

FB

“ From Bailey & Hunter Bryant purchased the Heart Throw for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



From Bailey & Hunter Bryant - December 07, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.



December 07, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.*



December 06, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ *Church of God State Office planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Bryan J. Mathews.*

Church of God State Office - December 06, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ *Bryan, you have been one of my closest friends and ministry friends for almost 30 years! We saw many great victories and walked through many dark days! Your life has forever impacted mine and I will keep your legacy alive!*

*Pastor Randall Black
#connectedforlife*



Randall Black - December 06, 2025 at 09:17 PM

TC

“ *The Father’s House COG purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.*



The Father’s House COG - December 06, 2025 at 08:13 PM

DA

“ *David & Brandy, Hailey & Alliyah purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Bishop Bryan J. Mathews.*



David & Brandy, Hailey & Alliyah - December 06, 2025 at 07:32 PM