



## Jay Allen Matthews

April 23, 1958 - December 22, 2025

Jay Allen Matthews 67, of Scott Depot, WV passed away on December 22, 2025.

He was born on April 23, 1958 to the late Troy and Glyda Mae Matthews in Charleston, WV.

Jay was a graduate of Sissonville High School and had a long career in trucking. He spent the first 15 years of his career driving locally in WV and was a member of the Teamsters. He spent the next portion of his career driving long haul traveling coast to coast. The remaining portion of his trucking career was spent driving hazmat on the east coast and locally before retiring from Houff Transfer Inc.

Jay had a big heart, charismatic personality, infectious laugh and could tell a story like no one else. Jay enjoyed camping, vacationing at the beach and relaxing in the pool. He could often be found grilling dinner on the deck or watching a NASCAR race on a Sunday afternoon. But above all he adored his family, friends and fur babies.

Jay is survived by his loving wife, Joan; daughter, Erin Franklin (Joseph) of Charleston, WV; step-children: James Black of Scott Depot, WV and Missy Orrick (Richie) of Wales, UK; grandchildren: Britton and Bella Orrick of Wales,

UK; sister, Linda Cruickshank (Bill) of Sissonville, WV; brother, Dennis Matthews of Jacksonville, NC; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

A Celebration of Life for Jay will be 2:00 pm Saturday January 3, 2026 at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV with Pastor Richard Orrick officiating.

Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting his tribute page at: [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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3941 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

## Celebration of Life

JAN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jay Allen Matthews



Chapman Funeral Homes - January 05 at 10:22 AM

TB

Sorry for your loss, Jay was and awesome guy!!! Prayers for family and friends

Tamara Bailey - January 07 at 08:38 PM

AM

“ April and Brian McDaniel purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Jay Allen Matthews.



April and Brian McDaniel - January 02 at 11:31 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jay Allen Matthews.



January 02 at 08:27 AM

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“ *Bob and Debbie Holstine lit a candle in memory of Jay Matthews*



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**Bob and Debbie Holstine** - December 30, 2025 at 06:38 AM



“ *I have so many memories of Jay-Bird, it would be so hard to. pick one. He was my brother-in-law but he was more like a brother. I miss him so much and am still in shock.. My thoughts and prayers go out to Joan, Jimmy, Missy and family, Erin,Linda, Dennis and all Jay's family. He loved his family and I know they loved him. R.I.P Jay-Bird- i will miss you!*

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**Patricia Shamblin** - December 29, 2025 at 11:27 PM