



## Ronnie W. Matthews

August 22, 1952 - September 25, 2018

Putnam County Circuit Clerk Ronnie W. Matthews, died Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at St. Mary's Medical Center, Huntington following complications of heart surgery.

He was born August 22, 1952 in Charleston, a son of the late Alvin Guy and Sylvia Bowcott Matthews. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Bob, Joe and Billy Matthews; father and mother-in-law, Mervin and Ruth Gibson.

Growing up in Nitro and being educated in Nitro schools, Ronnie was a well-known businessman in Putnam and Kanawha counties including having owned and operated Winfield Hardware for many years. He served his community on various boards and councils as well as being part of the Chapman Funeral Home family. He was elected as Putnam County Circuit Clerk in 2008. He will be remembered for his humor and his involvement with the Republican Party on the local, state and national levels. He was a member of the Kanawha Valley Masonic Lodge, # 36 AF & AM, Scottish Rite Bodies and Beni Kedem Shrine Temple. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army and continued to honor his fellow service members as an integral part of the James Marshall American Legion Post # 187, Winfield.

Surviving are his wife, Brenda Gibson Matthews; sons, Duke Matthews

(Ivanna) of Houston, TX, Dustin Guy Matthews of Las Vegas; sister, Sharon Skeens of Nitro; brother, Harold Matthews of Nitro; and his grandson, Adam.

Funeral service will be 2pm Sunday, September 30, 2018 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial with Military Honors by James Marshall American Legion Post # 187 and Masonic Rites by Kanawha Valley Lodge # 36 AF & AM will follow in the Bowcott Cemetery, Pliny, WV. Visitation will be held from 6-9pm Saturday at the funeral home. You may visit Ronnie's tribute page at [ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://ChapmanFuneralHomes.com) to share your memories with the family.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions in his honor to either the Shriner's Hospitals of Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607 or to James Marshall American Legion Post # 187, PO Box 31, Winfield, WV 25213.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Matthews family.

# Cemetery Details

## Bowcott Cemetery

19268 Jerry's Run Road  
Located at Mount Union Church  
Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane  
3941 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
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## Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronnie W. Matthews*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *I am so sad to hear off Ronnie's passing. Ronnie and I met at the annual Circuit Clerks meeting when he became a clerk in 2008. We served as clerks together for 8 years. I will always remember his smile, his laugh and quick wit. He was never afraid to speak up and ask "how is this going to affect is clerks". My sincere condolences to his wife and family. Although we have never met, he spoke very highly of you all. May you rest in peace my friend. Till we meet again.*

*Kimberly Hanback,  
Former Circuit Clerk,  
Morgan County, WV*

**Kimmie Hanback** - January 05, 2019 at 11:13 PM



“ *Ronnie was a good guy who always had stories to tell with his unique, humorous style. It is comforting to know he is in his heavenly home. Brenda, you and your sons are in my thoughts, prayers and heart. Love, O.D.*

**Ovie Gibson** - October 01, 2018 at 07:07 PM

TC

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Travis L. Castle** - October 01, 2018 at 01:39 PM

CM

“ *Brenda i am so sorry for your loss Prayers for you and the family*

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**connie Null moore** - September 30, 2018 at 11:38 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Ronnie's family. We consider it a blessing to call him our friend. He was funny, friendly but most of all kind, generous, and compassionate. He truly loved his family and his friends. God give you comfort.*

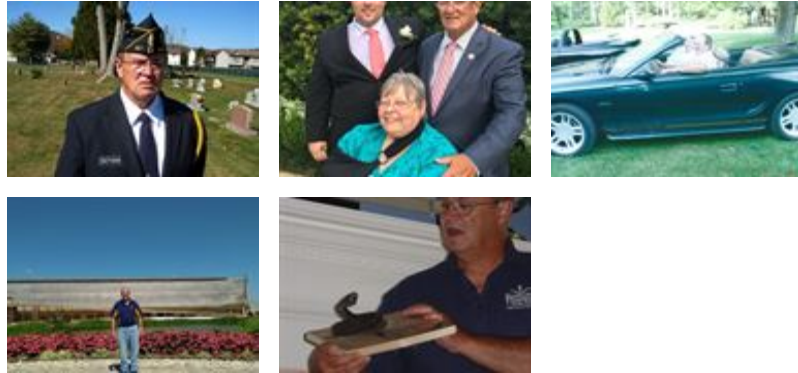
*Dairl( D.D.) and Carol Jean McCallister*

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**Carol Jean McCallister** - September 29, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ 57 files added to the album LifeTributes



Chapman Funeral Homes - September 29, 2018 at 08:49 AM

AC

“ Arthur Cobbs lit a candle in memory of  
Ronnie W. Matthews



Arthur Cobbs - September 29, 2018 at 07:39 AM

JC

“ Judy Cobbs lit a candle in memory of Ronnie  
W. Matthews



Judy Cobbs - September 29, 2018 at 07:38 AM

SW

“ *Mrs. Matthews & family,  
Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Ronnie was a special friend to all of us and we enjoyed seeing him each year at the Circuit Clerks Conferences. He always had a funny story to tell and we shared many! I hope you can find comfort that he's now in his heavenly home.....we'll all miss him!*

*The Pendleton County Circuit Clerk's office  
Shalee Wilburn, Heather Puffenberger & Eileen Dove*

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**Shalee Wilburn** - September 28, 2018 at 02:31 PM

BM

“ *Ronnie was a true Matthews, active in politics and his community. He supported the extended family of brothers and sisters along with aunts, uncles and cousins, attending the funerals of those that have passed. Ronnie and I were working on the Matthews family tree where his help and ideas were much appreciated. I'll share it with him if I ever get it done.*

*Prayers from the children of Bill and Jean Matthews, Biff, Willa, Ann and the late David go out to Ronnie's family. Be comforted to know that while Ronnie is gone in body, he is still with us all in spirit. You may still talk with him for he is always listening and he will answer in his own way. Talk to him for comfort.*

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**Biff F Matthews** - September 28, 2018 at 01:40 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Ronnie W. Matthews.*



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September 28, 2018 at 09:38 AM

SS

“ Sending love to all Ronnie’s family and friends. I pray God will comfort you and you will find peace in knowing he suffers no more. We will miss his smile and quick humor at NHS Class of ‘71 gatherings.

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**Sandra Layman Smolder** - September 28, 2018 at 08:31 AM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Ronnie W. Matthews, give you peace,  
comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.  
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You  
will not be forgotten.

My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....

US Army Veteran, Ronnie W. Matthews, is “A True American Hero”  
God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life  
for his friends. John 15:13 †

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - September 28, 2018 at 06:53 AM

CF

“ Ronnie was a wonderful man. When I was a struggling single mom I went to his hardware store. He made sure I had everything I need to hook up a hand pump for my well. He showed me how to connect it. God bless you Ronnie. Your kindness will always be remembered.

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**Cathy Fraley** - September 28, 2018 at 06:00 AM

MA

“ From the 1971 graduating class of Nitro High School, you will be missed greatly. You always made me feel a part of the class. Brenda, I wish I could be there. My heart aches and tears are in my eyes as I write this. My God be with you and the children during this most difficult times. Margie Allison

Marjorie L Allison - September 28, 2018 at 05:50 AM

KK

“ You will forever be in my heart my friend!! Love you so much but God has you know I'm sure heaven is glowing!!



Kimberly Kimble - September 27, 2018 at 02:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronnie W. Matthews.



September 27, 2018 at 01:41 PM

CP

“ Cookie Van Pelt lit a candle in memory of Ronnie W. Matthews



Cookie Van Pelt - September 27, 2018 at 01:18 PM

DH

“ Sending our Deepest Sympathy to the Family at your time of lost. May God Bless each and everyone one of you. He made the Circuit Clerk's Conferences fun.

*Hardy County Circuit Clerk's Office  
Kelly Shockey, Debbie Hines and Mary Brennskag*



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**Deborah Hines** - September 27, 2018 at 01:06 PM

BZ

“ Bill Comstock & Debbie K. Zegeer purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Ronnie W. Matthews.



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**Bill Comstock & Debbie K. Zegeer** - September 27, 2018 at 11:05 AM

BB

“ Brandi Beller lit a candle in memory of Ronnie W. Matthews



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**Brandi Beller** - September 27, 2018 at 09:48 AM



“ *Sending many prayers to help find some comfort to his family. Ronnie left us all with the most life changing wonderful memories anyone could. He was already a true Angel here on earth. Now we can hold dear knowing that he is a Heavenly Angel. Watching over all of his family and friends. With that same gleaming and caring smile for the rest of our days. God Bless*

Stephanie Smith Watson - September 27, 2018 at 05:27 AM



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Stephanie Smith Watson - September 27, 2018 at 04:29 AM



“ *Ronnie was a man with a big heart and always had a smile along with a how are you to offer every time I would see him. Our county has truly lost a great man of integrity and he will be greatly missed in our community by all who knew him. RIP Mr. Matthew's as your race on earth is complete and your eternal awards will be given.*



Dr. Gibson - September 27, 2018 at 12:15 AM

CW

*I met Ronnie about a year and a half ago when I went to my first West Virginia Circuit Clerk's Association meeting. He was one of those people who you just instinctively knew was good guy and you couldn't help but like him. On behalf of the Hancock County Circuit Clerk's Office I'd like to extend our deepest sympathy to Ronnie's family and friends and the citizens of Putnam County we've truly lost a good man and he will be missed.*

*Chuck Wright  
Diane Dillon  
Sandy Casto  
Sheena Connors  
Johnna Petteway*

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**Chuck Wright** - September 27, 2018 at 09:21 AM

DJ

“ *Danny And Frances Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ronnie W. Matthews*



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**Danny and Frances Johnson** - September 26, 2018 at 09:24 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Call lit a candle in memory of Ronnie W. Matthews*



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**Sandra Call** - September 26, 2018 at 09:21 PM

LD

“ Lisa Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Ronnie W. Matthews



Lisa Dorsey - September 26, 2018 at 08:41 PM



“ Ronnie was always a breath of sunshine. He always had a kind word for me and his smile would light up the room. He will be missed by many many friends and especially missed by his family. May our Lord wrap His arms of Comfort and Love around your family during this difficult time. Remember Ronnie has only journeyed on ahead and will be there waiting at Heaven's Gate. Lifting your family up in prayer.

Diana Pauley - September 26, 2018 at 08:34 PM

RS

“ OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THE MATTHEWS FAMILY. RONNIE WAS A GREAT PERSON TO HAVE KNOWN.FROM THE HARDWARE STORE TO THE COURTHOUSE AND AROUND TOWN, RONNIE WAS PART OF WINFIELD.... WE WILL MISS YOU! RICHARD AND TONYA STONE



RICHARD STONE - September 26, 2018 at 07:48 PM