



George "Danny" Matz II

December 8, 1949 - September 20, 2014

George Daniel "Danny" Matz, II
IMC

Auburndale – Mr. George D. "Danny" Matz, II, 64, passed away on September 20, 2014 as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Wayne County, KY. He was born in Elyria, OH and lived most of his life in the Lakeland, FL area.

Danny worked for IMC for over 25 years. He was U.S. Marine serving during the Vietnam era. Danny loved motorcycles and jeeps.

He was preceded in death by a son, Chad Aaron Matz. His survivors include his wife, Cherry of Auburndale, FL; son: Erek Matz of Leesburg, FL, daughter: Farrah Matz Thompson of Mulberry, FL and several stepchildren, brothers, sisters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A celebration of Danny's life will take place on Thursday evening, 10/02/14 from 6:00 – 9:00pm at Music Ranch (covered dish requested), 1920 Banana Rd., Lakeland, FL. His funeral service will be Friday, 10/3/14, 2:00pm at Family Worship Center in Lakeland. Flowers can be sent to the Family Worship Center. Interment with military honors will follow at Oak Hill Burial Park. Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **3**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Family Worship Center
1350 E. Main Street
Lakeland, FL 33801

Tribute Wall

DA

“ Brother today is Christmas Eve and all I can do is think about you. The excitement of your grandchildren presents and all the deco you use to put up at your house. Christmas dinner with all the trimmings was one of your favorites. We will miss you my brother, but I know you are in God's hands and looking over us enjoying the celebration of Christ. Kiss Mom and Dad for me and please continue to be my angel and guide me in the right direction.



You would be so proud of your children, as they continue to honor you and miss every moment of you not being with them. I continue to pray for Farrah and Erik as this has been so hard on them losing their father and best friend. It has not been easy and I hope as days go by it will get easier on them knowing they will never enjoy time with you here on earth. All they have are memories. Guide them brother and help them mend the wounds in their hearts of losing you and have some peace.

Love you brother and miss you.

Your sis,
Darlene Alejandro

Darlene Alejandro - December 24, 2014 at 08:42 AM

BF

“ Bobby and Annie Hiers and Family purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of George "Danny" Matz II.



Bobby and Annie Hiers and Family - October 01, 2014 at 08:40 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of George "Danny" Matz II.



September 30, 2014 at 04:39 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of George "Danny" Matz II.



September 30, 2014 at 10:10 AM



“ *My memories of my Uncle Danny go way back in time. He was the man that always spoke up for what he believed. Always looking for the best deal in town. He would argue his case all the way up to corporate if he had, as long as he felt he was in the right and the company was in the wrong.*

He was outspoken in many ways, not just by his words, but his actions. I am great full for all the memories I have of him. He video tapped my wedding rehearsal and wedding day. He attended not only my graduation party but both Ceara and Dylan's graduation ceremonies. He was there to share my daughters wedding day with us.

Uncle Danny could always be counted on to attend any function he was invited to. Especially, if there would be food served. He loved to eat. It didn't matter what I made, you could tell he enjoyed it all. I will miss him at our annual Easter Egg Picnics. He never failed to come and share his many words of wisdom every year.

I too, remember the midnight bowling trips. Tubing on his boat. Family was important to him, and we all knew it.

I remember taking a trip to Tennessee with him and EreK. That man would never stop. If you got hungry or thirsty, you would eat whatever was in the cooler. If you didn't take the opportunity to use the restroom at the gas station when he filled up, you were just out of luck. He wanted to get "home" as soon as possible. I always felt like "home" to him was wherever Grandma Matz was.

Well Danny, you finally made it "HOME". We will love and miss your enthusiasm for life and family.

*I love yo Uncle Danny.
Sheri Whitlock*

Sheri Whitlock - September 26, 2014 at 12:42 PM

CK

“ Memories of my Uncle Danny...I remember spending many hours on the lake tubing in Florida and Tennessee. I remember how I thought it was the coolest thing ever that he had a radio on his boat... & he would blast Fine Young Cannibals. Every time I hear that song "She Drives Me Crazy," I still think of him & that boat.

I remember the time he invented his crazy butt-bounce dive thingy & broke my parent's diving board. The loud crack was so funny!

I remember how he let me spend the night with Farrah on the weekends that he he had with her. Looking back now I see how generous he was to share his quality time with his daughter with me.

I remember him taking us to midnight bowling.

I remember how he would eat raw hot dogs in front of me & look at me to see if I was looking at him while eating, because he knew I thought raw hot dogs were nasty.

I remember his hairy chest (& back!) and how he would walk around the pool with a comb stuck in his chest hair. Anything to make us laugh!

I remember his Tarzan yell.

I remember the amazing, kind things he said at my grandmother's funeral.

I will always remember the times he came over to mow my grass for me.... & the time he ran over my well.

Whenever I pull out my video tape of my wedding, I will remember it was my Uncle Danny that recorded it for me that day (& made several copies), without me even having to ask.

He invited my mom & daughter to a WWE event a couple of years ago. It was Kerstin's first experience going to wrestling match & I remember when she texted me to say that Uncle Danny showed wearing a luchadore mask. She thought it was hilarious.

& every time I go to Mike's Restaurant and see that corner booth I will think of him & my dad sharing breakfast every work day morning for years.

I could write for hours about every funny and kind thing about my Uncle Danny... He loved and was loved by many.

Cindy King - September 25, 2014 at 03:16 PM

DR

“*R.I.P. my dear friend. You were full of life and knew how to live. You cherished your family and friends and would do anything to help someone. You had the love of Jesus in your heart. Now you are with him and will be watching over all of us. You will be missed and my heart goes out to the family.*”



Donna Radabaugh - September 25, 2014 at 12:48 PM

CB

“*Our condolences to The Matz family. We are so sorry about your loss. Prayers are sent your way.*”

From Hector, Crystal and Ashlynn.



Crystal Brooks - September 25, 2014 at 10:33 AM

TH

“Uncle Danny I'm not sure where to even start. Its very hard to sit here and try to think of what to say when someone is no longer here and mixed with the emotions of it all. As I scratch my head and wipe the tears falling off my checks, I just think of all the times you would come to Tennessee and we would be waiting for the arrival and always wondering if Erik and Farrah were coming with you, the countless days and hours we spent on lake tubing and skiing and eating bologna and unsweetened tea. Man it took me 20 years to eat bologna again, but when I do I have to tell everyone about the summers of bologna on white bread. Then we move into the fall when you would donate a week of your time at the White County Fair serving up some greasy fair food, and you started the saying " hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken and fish" I can hear it to this day. I remember getting to ride with you to the family reunion in Pipestem, WV in your motor home. September 2001 I remember coming to Florida and getting to ride a Harley for the first time. I got on the back of your bike and rode all the way to St Pete and you took me over the bridge so we would have the best views. That was probably one of the best days of my life. Thank you for that. I know we may of not always seen eye to eye or always agreed on things but I know you always knew that I respected you and loved you. Uncle Danny you were a strong link in our family chain and you are irreplaceable, but with your passing I do hope that you will help strengthen each individual chain in our family and make us tighter and stronger than before. You always said "Family first". Uncle Danny you were a great uncle, role model and a very caring person. May you rest in peace and never be forgotten! I love you Uncle Danny!

Timothy Hauk - September 24, 2014 at 09:44 PM

BR

“ *I can't believe you are gone.. there isn't a min that goes by that we don't think about you.. at least we have another person looking out for us.. rest in peace good buddy*



brandi - September 24, 2014 at 07:55 PM

MW

“ *I love n miss u so much uncle Danny not a day goes by I don't think of u rest in paradise uncle danny*



melody willis - September 24, 2014 at 07:41 PM

DM

“ *Brother-in-law I miss and love u so much!!! R.I.P. Danny Matz*



Debra matz - September 24, 2014 at 07:25 PM

GL

“ *Gus & Lou lit a candle in memory of George "Danny" Matz II*



Gus & Lou - September 24, 2014 at 06:10 PM



“ *I will miss seeing you come through and u checking in on me ...fly high*



Christy Gribble - September 24, 2014 at 05:21 PM



“ *time gets away from us we never know when it is up, i'll miss greatly cause i know when we have a function you were always there ,with smiles and laughter and to share something funny, You 'll never be forgotten,glad we and i as a family had you in are lives, words can't describe what to say or how I feel ,but love and sorrow, sweet dreams we know you'll be watching us :) love Tammy Waldman*

Tammy Waldman - September 24, 2014 at 05:00 PM



“ *Uncle Danny i will miss you loved being around and in your presence I know i havent been down too Florida too see you in awhile.. But always remember I will Love you And miss you.... You will always be in my Heart and prayer*

Jason Davis - September 24, 2014 at 03:27 PM



“ *Jason Davis lit a candle in memory of George "Danny" Matz II*



Jason Davis - September 24, 2014 at 03:25 PM

KD

“Karen Davis lit a candle in memory of George
"Danny" Matz II



karen davis - September 24, 2014 at 02:24 PM

KD

*Danny you might be gone in body but your spirit will always be with me.
We had a lot of good times together that I will always cherrish. Rest in
peace*

karen davis - September 24, 2014 at 02:36 PM