



Sam W. Matson Sr.

February 27, 1943 - March 24, 2025

On Monday, March 24, 2025, Sam W. Matson, Sr. passed away at age 82.

Sam was born on February 27, 1943, in Atlanta, TX, to Willie “Bill” Matson and Betty Jo (Capps) Matson. He received his degree in Computer Science from Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia. Sam was employed by the Concordia Parish School Board as the Data Processing Supervisor for most of his career.

On June 14, 1969, he married Jo Wheelis, whom he met on a blind date just 6 months earlier. Their marriage lasted 55 years. They had two children, Dawn and Wesley.

Sam taught himself to play the guitar in the Navy and enjoyed “singing and picking” until his final days. He also loved food – especially the sweet stuff. During his early career, he wore slacks and cowboy boots, but after retirement, you would not find him in anything but starched and ironed button-down shirts and overalls.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Betty, and his wife, Jo. He is survived by his daughter, Dawn Sanders, her husband Bryan Sanders, and son, Wesley Matson, and his grandchildren, Emma Holder and Samuel Matson.

A graveside military honors service will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 9:30 A.M. at the Fayetteville National Cemetery.

Donations for a Chapel/Prayer Room at the Concordia Nursing Home can be sent to Dawn Sanders, 12506 Miller Church Rd, Bentonville, AR., 72712.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Ave.
Fayetteville, AR
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/fayetteville.asp>

Previous Events

Graveside Funeral Service

APR 3. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sam was also survived by me, his sister, Eddie Jean (Matson) Kriedeman of Green Valley, AZ. Since it has been a year now since his death I have been thinking about Sam a lot. He and I were best buddies in our childhood. Our parents moved every year through our grade school. But he and I always had each other as playmates. I was three years older so looked after my little brother. We lived apart as adults and didn't see each other very often. But in our older years we enjoyed long conversations by phone about our young years and our children. There is more to say about the good things he and wife, Jo, did for their children. I was not able to attend his funeral but my daughter, Christina, assisted me in a trip to see him a year before. He played his guitar and sang for us and we got to have a last hug. A loving goodbye to my brother. I miss him. (I did not notice I was left out of the obituary until now when I looked back at it. So sorry I did not write my thoughts last year. Maybe someone will see it, I hope. Eddie Jean

Eddie Jean Kriedeman - February 23 at 05:55 PM

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“ Paul A. Tarlton purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Sam W. Matson Sr..



Paul A. Tarlton - April 01, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
Sam W. Matson Sr..



March 31, 2025 at 06:08 PM