



## Kenneth Matthews

September 3, 1945 - August 17, 2022

Kenneth Eugene Matthews was born on Monday, September 3, 1945 in Selma, California, the son of Frank and Bessie A. (Morton) Matthews. He passed this life on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at Saint Simeon's Senior Community in Tulsa. He was 76 years, 11 months and 14 days of age.

Kenneth was a 1963 graduate of Dustin, Oklahoma high school. He attended Eastern State College in Wilburton, Oklahoma. He was veteran of the United States Army, having served in Vietnam. Kenneth was married to the former Miss Zella Lou Nelson on December 24, 1969 in Henryetta, Oklahoma. Kenneth owned and operated Kingfish Plumbing in Henryetta for some 30 years. He also spent 30 years on the Henryetta Fire Department, his fellow fireman gave him the nickname "Kingfish".

Kenneth enjoyed Fishing, Hunting, tell a good joke and visiting with people. His greatest joy came from spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He and Lou are members of the Coweta Assembly. Memorials in Kenneth's memory can be sent to Coweta Assembly, 29707 East Highway 51, Coweta, OK 74429.

He is survived by,

His wife, Zella Lou Matthews, of the home

Son, Kenneth D. Matthews, Broken Arrow, OK

Daughter, Angela and husband David Wilhite, Henryetta, OK

Grandchildren, Brody, Cooper, Averie, Christian and Samantha

Kenneth was preceded in death by his Parents, Frank and Bessie; Son, Jonathan; 12 Brothers and Sisters.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2334

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**AUG 24.** 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Visitation

**AUG 24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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AUG 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

Coweta Assembly  
29707 E. Hwy 51  
Coweta, OK 74429

## Graveside Service

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AUG 25. 1:30 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 Cemetery Rd.  
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*Full Military Honors*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Matthews*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Roberta L Clinton lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Matthews*



**Roberta L Clinton** - August 28, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *papa wasnt just an amazing grandpa, he was an amazing husband, dad, and my friend, he was there for me, heaven gained another angel, and that is him.*

**Cooper Matthews** - August 25, 2022 at 10:26 AM



*Thank you Cooper for your kind words! He loved you very much!*

**Kenneth Matthews** - August 25, 2022 at 06:36 PM

DP

“ Aunt Lou & Kenneth Dean I'm so sorry to see this news just now. I have fond memories of coming to visit & stay at your home in Henryetta. My favorite memories as a kid was our family reunions! I looked forward to these every year. Some were at the Holiday Inn there in Henryetta. Uncle Kenneth you were like a big Teddy Bear & you were a godly man who would give the shirt off his back if you needed it. He was loving husband & dad. Uncle Kenneth you will be missed here on earth but we know in John 14:2 In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.  
14:3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. Until we meet again in heaven. RIP Uncle Kenneth “Kingfisher” Matthews!

Devin Peavy - August 24, 2022 at 09:33 PM

ZM

Thank you Devin. Those were sweet words. He was a godly man and loved everyone.

zella Lou Matthews - August 24, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ kenneth was a good papa growing up he played with me made me happy in till i was 10 when he passed i was so sad but we had good memories together.



Brody Matthews - August 24, 2022 at 06:45 PM

ZM

Thank you Brody. Papa sure loved you three sweet kids. He left you with alot of sweet memories that no one can take away from you. Thank you and Cooper and Averie for loving him. You were his life.

zella Lou Matthews - August 24, 2022 at 10:32 PM

AD

“ *Kingfish was such a great man with a kind heart. Lou and Kenneth Dean, I am so sorry for your loss.*  
*Amy (Ogden) Drabek*

**Amy Drabek** - August 22, 2022 at 04:16 PM



*Thank you Amy for your kind words! He was a great man!*

**Kenneth Matthews** - August 24, 2022 at 09:05 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Kenneth Matthews.*



August 22, 2022 at 10:01 AM

BD

“ *I have good memories of kingfish and Lou. Thankful for knowing this family. Rest now Kenneth. We all must pass this way. Prayers for Lou and Kenneth Dean.*

**Beverly Deemer** - August 22, 2022 at 07:48 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kenneth Matthews.*



August 21, 2022 at 10:14 PM

DS

“ Lou, I know you miss your fella and I know it hurts. He was such a good man. Know I am thinking of you and the family. God bless and walk beside you in the days ahead.



D'Ann (Marshall) Simons - August 20, 2022 at 11:17 PM

EZ

“ Dear Lou, our hearts ache for you and your family. Our prayers are with you and we find joy through the tears in the fact that Jesus offers us all eternal life to live with him together forever. May God cover you with His peace and comfort. Sending you much love.  
Ellen Zimmerman

Ellen Zimmerman - August 20, 2022 at 05:16 PM

ZM

Love you Ellen. You have been the friend that everyone wants in their life.

zella Lou Matthews - August 24, 2022 at 10:34 PM

SM

“ Dear family, please accept my deepest condolences.

SunnyCarrol (Been) Moreno - August 20, 2022 at 04:03 PM

ZM

Thank you Sunny.

zella Lou Matthews - August 24, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 18, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ Lou and Kenneth Dean,

*We just want you to know that we have many fond memories of Kingfish and we are thinking of both of you during this time.*

*Betty and Everett Gene Allen--Police Chief Retired  
Henryetta, OK*

Betty and Everett Allen - August 18, 2022 at 08:22 AM



*Mom and I appreciate the love and friendship that you've shown dad and our entire family! We will miss him greatly!*

Kenneth Matthews - August 19, 2022 at 08:04 AM

MH

*Lou & Kenneth Dean,*

*James & I were sorry to see Kingfish had passed away,  
but we'll always have the memories of him & Jack working at the Fire  
Dept. May God comfort you during this sad time.*

*Margaret Harrison & son, James Harrison*

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**margaret Harrison** - August 24, 2022 at 05:26 PM

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“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the  
Matthews family and to provide this  
permanent tribute website in memory of  
Kenneth.*



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - August 17, 2022 at 07:25 PM