

Robert John Matheson

Birth: Jul. 28, 1925
Chicago
Cook County
Illinois, USA

Death: Jun. 27, 2007

Robert John Matheson, 81, died on Wednesday, June 27, 2007.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 30, at St. Thomas Catholic Church, with visitation from 9 - 11:00 a.m., at the church. Graveside services with military rites will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Friday, June 29, at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Riverton, IL. Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Home, Decatur, will be handling the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Decatur Parks Foundation, 620 E. Riverside, Decatur, IL 62521.

"Coach Bob" was born in Chicago, in 1925, attended Taft high school, Missouri Valley College and the University of Wyoming. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. Bob was a P.E. teacher and head football coach at MacArthur High School, where Matheson Field was named in his honor. He was at MacArthur High School from it's opening in 1957 until 1983. He then went on to be principal of Lakeview High School, retiring when the school closed. Bob also worked for the Decatur Park District and was a golf coach. His passions included golf, backpacking, RV'ing, and his friends.

He will be remembered by his wife Velma. His family includes: Tim Matheson and Nancy Neely of Bristol, TN; Mark and Mary Matheson of Peoria, AZ; Dan and Michelle Matheson of Clear Lake, IA, and Amy and Keith Seward of Huntington Beach, CA. Grandchildren are: Miles and Lucas Matheson, Kristen, Maggie, and Jake Matheson, and Haley, Jack, Joe, and Dean Seward.

He is predeceased by his parents and his brothers Jack and Bill. Obituary written by family members.

Family links:

Spouse:

[Velma Mae Bellows Matheson \(1926 - 2009\)*](#)



Added by: [Jean S](#)



Cemetery Photo

Added by: [Jeff Coop](#)



- [Lady In Black](#)

Added: Jun. 28, 2007

[*Calculated relationship](#)

Burial:

[Camp Butler National Cemetery](#)

Springfield

Sangamon County

Illinois, USA

Plot: Section CREM D Site 144

Created by: [Lady In Black](#)

Record added: Jun 28, 2007

Find A Grave Memorial# 20146973