

In Loving Memory of



Lionel Joseph Matthews

Sunrise
July 20, 1924

Sunset
April 3, 2011

Service
Monday, April 11, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

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Obituary

Lionel Joseph Matthews was born July 20, 1924 in the Bronx to the late William G. Matthews and Mary Gusslin. On March 31, 1953, he married Joyce Virginia Curry and from this union Deborah Joy and Barbara Ann were born.

Lionel served in the US Navy during WWII and was discharged honorably April 5, 1946.

As a young man, Lionel worked as a greyhound bus driver before entering the Police Academy to train as a NYC Police Officer. He retired from the NYPD and was employed as a Security Police Officer for NBC Studios from which he also retired.

Lionel had a great appreciation of music, especially jazz and classical, leading to his desire to attempt to learn many different musical instruments. In the spring of 1980 he took a music course at Long Island University in Brooklyn in an attempt to hone his skills.

He also had a great love and fondness for animals, especially wolves and horses and over the years greatly enjoyed the companionship of his dogs. He has left in mourning his last companion dog Colby.

Lionel was always at his best when surrounded by family at gatherings. He had a natural comedic nature that would brighten anyone's smile and keep you laughing.

Lionel was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce and survived by his children, Deborah Johnson of California and Barbara Snow of New York; his grandchildren, Matthew Faraji, Michael Jabari and Kimberly Asha; his sisters, Florence Brewster and Lillian Hall. Lionel was preceded in death by his brothers, George Matthews and Stanley Matthews; sisters, Ruby Frye, Inez Matthews and her son Stanley. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, other family members and friends who love him greatly.

~Lovingly Submitted by The Family~

Order of Service

Prelude

Sentences of Comfort

Vocal Selection

Old Testament Reading

Psalm

Gospel Reading

Homily

Prayers

Vocal Selection

Prayer of Commendation

Benediction

Postlude

Cremation

Fresh Pond Crematory
Middle Village, New York



Togetherness

Death is nothing at all - I have only slipped away into the next room. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be the household word it always was. Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was: there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is past: nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as before — only better, infinitely happier and forever we will all be one together with Christ.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgements

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May God Bless and Keep You!

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