



Franklin C. Matthews

September 2, 1935 - May 22, 2026

Mr. Franklin C. Matthews, age 90, passed away peacefully Friday morning, May 22, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Born on September 2, 1935, in Moultrie, Georgia to the late Selma Croft Matthews and the late Leonard Matthews.

Franklin lived a life defined by devotion to family, hard work, kindness, and friendship. He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth “Ann” Swilley Matthews. The two were married on June 6, 1958, and shared nearly 68 wonderful years together filled with love, commitment, and cherished memories. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and later dedicated 35 years of service to Coats & Clark, where he was respected for his strong work ethic and dependable nature. Known for his outgoing personality and friendly spirit, Franklin never met a stranger. He enjoyed sports, fishing, and spending time with the people he loved most. Above all else, he took great pride in being a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His warmth, laughter, and caring heart touched everyone who knew him.

Franklin was a loving father to Teressa Hackerott and Joseph Matthews. He was a proud grandfather to Serena Hackerott, Christian Strahan, and Christopher Matthews, and a treasured great-grandfather to Cayden, Mason, Jacie, Joselyn, Jurnee, Sami-Jo, and Elliana Marie.

A graveside memorial service and inurnment will be held in Franklin's honor on Wednesday morning, May 27, 2026, at 9:00 AM in the Matthews family plot in Douglas City Cemetery. Franklin's legacy of love, kindness, and dedication to family will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Condolences, kind words, and fond memories may be shared with Franklin's family at www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com.

Franklin's arrangements have been entrusted to the kind and compassionate staff of Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc. of Douglas, Georgia.

Cemetery Details

Douglas City Cemetery

1622 North Gaskin Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service and Inurnment

MAY 27. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I've known Mr. Frank for a long time. He was a sweetheart. I waited on him for years at the Waffle King. You talking about a sweet man he was. When I seen him at the Huddle house or any store I would speak to him and his wife. My heart goes out to her and his family. Mr. Frank your gonna be missed but never forgotten.

BRENDA Stubbs - 2 hours ago