



## LEON MATTHEWS

December 16, 1943 - July 27, 2017

Leon "Pop" Matthews, 73, of Kankakee, IL, died July 27, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center. Visitation will be Sunday, August 6, 2017 from 2:00 P.M. until time of funeral services at 4:00 P.M. at Lax Mortuary. Cremation rites will be accorded.

Leon "Pop" Matthews was born December 16, 1943 in Mayersville, Mississippi to Louis and Beulah Killion Matthews. He was baptized, and graduated from Mayersville, High School. He was employed, for 30 years, by Ford Motor Company Stamping Plant in Ford Heights, IL. His passions were basketball, carpentry and mechanics. He built barbecue pits and had a legendary hamburger recipe that is on the menu at Bud Grocery; named the "Wolfly Burger."

He leaves to cherish his memory, one daughter, Roshetta Williams of Kankakee, IL; two sons, Jason Wafford of Tyler, TX and Jalani Williams of Kankakee, IL; one brother and sister-in-law, Roosevelt and Dorothy Matthews of Greenville, Mississippi; one sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Willie Bunton of Mayersville, Mississippi; his companion, Vinida Williams of Kankakee, IL; his in-laws, Robert T. Williams Sr., Saul Green Sr. and Gracie Mae Green, all of Mayersville, Mississippi; three grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Juanita Green Matthews; two sisters, Dorothy Trass and Oral Lee Williams, and a stepson, Antonio Green.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers*

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**Claudine Thompson** - August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To "Pops" family, I am sorry to read about his transition. My prayers go out to his entire family and love ones.*

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**Carolyn Hester** - August 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My condolences to the family of Leon (Pop) Matthews. May God bless you all.*

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**Anna Stokes-Minus** - August 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Shirley Douglas, Denise Smyly, & McClain Family** - August 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Sorry for your loss, your are in our thoughts and prayers*

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**Jimmie Ruth and Kevin Tanzie** - August 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *MY CONDOLENCES*

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**JOANN BOX** - August 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My Condolences to the family.*

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**Cheryl Wilson** - August 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM