



Edsal James Mattax

November 22, 1930 - August 27, 2024

RACINE-Edsal James Mattax, 93, left his earthly home for his heavenly one on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at Home Harbor Assisted Living. He left to claim the inheritance promised to all those who receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Ed was born in Wren, Ohio on November 22, 1930, to the late Irenios and Mary (Swoveland) Mattax. He graduated from high school in Decatur, Indiana, then from Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, IL in 1953 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education. He married Marilyn Horner on August 9, 1952, at Taylor Avenue Church of the Nazarene in Racine. During his life he served in the army, then worked as an educator, farmer and business owner. Ed enjoyed taking his family on vacations, flying his own plane, fishing, hunting, golfing and playing tennis. He received great pleasure serving his Lord, using his gift of music in a variety of ways. Ed was the Director of Music for 47 years accompanied by his wife on the organ in the Nazarene church. When spending the winters at the Corkscrew Woodlands Park in Estero, Florida, he led the music ministry for the park's church services. Ed had perfect pitch and played a variety of instruments. He was an active participant wherever he was, serving on Boards and leading, as well as participating in projects going on in the communities in which he resided. Ed had the gift of organization and the capability to do many things well. He was very mechanical and creative. This was demonstrated as he served alongside

the pastor of Racine Community Church of the Nazarene with others in the planning and building of the church. Ed was a generous man, not only with his time but also with his finances, assisting his family and others when needed. Ed will be missed by his daughters, Brenda (Jon) Nelson, Michelle (Rick) Czechowicz of Racine, Janis (J.R.) Tripp of Bourbonnais, IL, and son, Chip Mattax of Indianapolis, IN; 10 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn, on August 16, 2002; his parents, Irenios and Mary Mattax; his sisters Nancy (Mattax) Barney and Elaine Mattax; his brother-in-laws Charles Hasselbring and Richard Horner; and his sister-in-law Joyce Horner.

A special thanks to the staff at Home Harbor and the staff at Hospice Alliance from Ed's children for their warm and compassionate care of our dad.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2pm on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at Community Church of the Nazarene located at 8440 Spring Street, Racine, WI. There will be a fellowship time prior to the service to visit with friends and family from 12:30-2:00pm. Service will be live streamed on YouTube for those who cannot attend in person. https://www.youtube.com/live/G_AYz7KDGvK?si=zjQrBHDxtuNZVE0D

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to SE WI Youth for Christ, or to the Community Church of the Nazarene.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Community Church of the Nazarene
8440 Spring Street
Racine, WI

Celebration of Life Service

SEP 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *This man was an awesome person, supporting us as pastor, seeing the vision so clearly. He and his wife made their home available for choir rehearsals before we had a building. What a servant! Heaven is rejoicing with the heavenly choir at Ed’s entrance into the Kingdom. He will be missed!* ”

Sharon Monck - September 21, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ *Love to all at this time, Jim and Sharon monck* ”

jim monck - September 20, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Edsal James Mattax.* ”



September 19, 2024 at 09:12 PM

RC

“ *The Gods Garage Gang want to express condolences to the Mattax family on the passing of a true Gentlemen. My wife and I had the pleasure of becoming close friends with Ed over the last couple of years and enjoyed his humor, kindness, and loving nature. We loved Ed and miss his presence in our lives. It was an honor getting to know Ed and we were blessed to have him in our lives. We celebrate knowing that he is in the Lords presence and that we will all see each other again. We also would like to share our condolences to Margaret as Ed expressed to us many times how much he valued and loved your friendship*

Ricardo and Katrina Chapa - September 05, 2024 at 09:49 PM

GK

“ *Janis, Brenda, Michelle and Chip,
I am so very sorry to hear about Ed's passing.
Ed was a wonderful neighbor of ours and
We enjoyed him so much. Ed would do anything and
Everything he could do for anybody.
Love and Blessing to all of you and your family.
Sincerely, Gale King*

Gale King - September 03, 2024 at 01:07 PM

MH

“ *Ed was one of the kindest people I have ever met and was gentleman to all.
His love for Christ shone out through everything he said and did. He was greatly love at Home Harbor later in his life by residents there.
He was a dear friend I held fondly in my heart and will be remembered for a lifetime.*

Margaret Heinze - September 02, 2024 at 08:03 PM

CK

“ Brenda, I am praying the Lord gives you, & yours comfort for the earthly loss of your father. He has been called to Eternal Glory.
Charles "Chuck" Klimek

Charles T. Klimek - September 01, 2024 at 11:22 AM

RB

“ One of God's greatest blessings to all of us, a fine Christian man, a great business man who was an example that a Christian man can be a great business man.
I remember one of the first times that I met him was when he came to our farm in his 1965 red Chevy El Camino that had a phone in it and he was selling and buying cabbage sitting in that car!
Ed taught me a lot about the produce business and was a great mentor until he retired.
God's peace and grace to all the family members who I know are exalting in the fact that Ed is in heaven brokering produce!

Randall Borgardt - September 01, 2024 at 08:43 AM

RH

To Ed's Family from cousin Ralph Horner. God bless every one of you during this difficult time of loss. I am glad we had a nice visit at the Reunion at Community Church in 2020!

I do remember hearing Ed's beautiful voice, on grandma Mary Horner's 78 rpm record,
Early on when he joined the family!

Ralph Horner - September 21, 2024 at 05:00 PM

LS

To the family of Ed Mattax, blessings and peace of comfort to you knowing that he is in our heavenly home! Ed was my very first boss out of high school and a wonderful, kind and generous Christian man. He had a joyous laugh and a wonderful spirit. I remember being a secretary to the group of gentlemen and Ed always made you feel important. God bless you all.

Loralyn (Raboldt) Schalinske - September 27, 2024 at 01:30 PM

BJ

My family in Paducah, KY was in the Produce Brokerage Business for 59 years. I remember when I first started, my mother who took over the business on my father's death, was buying cabbage from Ken Horner, and I remember when his son-in-law Ed came into the business after marrying Marilyn, and eventually taking over the business. We did business together for many, many years. I visited Ed in Racine and he flew me in his plane to Palmyra to see his vegetable deal there. He and Marilyn also visited my wife & I in our home in Paducah. They were a devout Christian family. We closed our business in 1993, because of changing market conditions, and my brother, Jack, and I had run & built it up for 40 years and were ready to retire. I am 93, same age as Ed, and in Assisted Living in Franklin, TN near my daughters, grandchildren & great grands. Today something possessed me to Google Ed and saw he recently passed. I'm sorry I didn't do it sooner, but such is life. (If this is received by funeral home, I would greatly appreciate it if you would forward to family).

Bob Johnston - November 23, 2024 at 02:24 PM