



James Delano Mattern

July 1, 1940 - March 3, 2021

James Delano Mattern, 80, of Powell, Ohio, formerly of Parkersburg, WV, passed away on March 3, 2021 at Powell Memory Care in Powell, Ohio, following an extended battle with Alzheimer's.

Jim was born in Parkersburg, WV, on July 1, 1940 to the late Raymond and Pearl (Doak) Mattern. Jim was raised by his mother Pearl and was an exceptional athlete earning the WV State High School Wrestling Champion title in 1957 and 1958. Every match was won by a pin earning him the nickname "Mighty Mite" in the 106-pound weight class his junior and senior year. He graduated from Parkersburg High School in 1958 and attended Marshall University on a full athletic scholarship but was unable to complete his degree due to a wrestling injury his senior year. While he was at Marshall he was the Co-Captain of the wrestling team. He continued his passion for the sport by coaching Vienna Pee-Wee Wrestling and teaching his signature move, the modified fireman's carry.

Jim served in the United States Air Force from 1963-1967 at Lackland AFB and Shepard AFB in Texas and Hancock Field and Griffiss AFB in New York. He was then deployed for a year in Vietnam as the Airman in Charge of the Data Center at Tan Son Nhut AFB and earned his trip home with his DD-214. Upon return from Vietnam, Jim was employed by DuPont. He attended night school at Marietta College for seven years to earn his degree in 1974. While

at DuPont he worked at the Washington Works plant in WV and corporate HQ in Wilmington, DE, where he was instrumental in company-wide data consolidation and disaster recovery in the US and Europe. Jim retired from DuPont after 27 years and, during that time, also taught Assembler computer language at Parkersburg Community College night school for 11 years. Jim continued his IT career at several companies before retiring again from Chemical Abstracts in Columbus, OH, where he and his wife Linda have lived for 27 years.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Linda (Dickson) Mattern, and their two children Michael Mattern (Michelle) of Charleston, WV, and Jennifer Mattern Bobbitt (Chris) of Powell, OH, grandchildren Shelby Mattern Mowery (Logan), Paige Bobbitt, Matthew Bobbitt (Jessica), Andrew Bobbitt, Michelle's daughter Sophie Morgan, and great-grandchildren Mason Mowery and Oliver Mowery. Jim is also survived by his first cousin Judy Mattern Wigal (Jim), whom he always thought of as a sister.

Jim was a Christian and a member of Saint Andrew Christian Church in Dublin, OH. He served his community throughout his lifetime as a Pee Wee wrestling coach, baseball coach, and community volunteer.

He will be greatly missed and remembered for his loyalty, disciplined work ethic, quiet nature, infectious smile, and dedication to his family. A graveside service at Evergreen Cemetery North in Parkersburg for the family will be followed at a later date with a Memorial Service celebrating Jim's life. In place of flowers, please consider contributing to the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Delano Mattern*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *We were blessed to be friends with Jim and Linda and their family. We will always have wonderful memories. We have given a contribution to the Alzheimer's Assoc. Someday this disease will be a thing of the past.*

Jayne and Bob Wolfe - March 14, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *Pray that the family knows that Jim was a great member of the PHS Class of 1958 and we were proud of him and his accomplishments.*
Dave Johnson

Dave Johnson - March 06, 2021 at 09:12 PM



Thank you Dave. He was a proud member of class of 1958.

Linda Mattern - March 06, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ *Doug & Marci and your Coldliner Express Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Delano Mattern.*



Doug & Marci and your Coldliner Express Family - March 05, 2021 at 11:36 AM

BG

“ Linda, Jennifer & Chris, thank you for sharing this beautiful tribute to Jim's life. I heard a great story about how he would run 5 miles from wrestling practice to work, which says a lot about his dedication and discipline. We have made a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in Jim's honor, which is a great cause that has also touched my family. We look forward to hearing more about Jim's life and celebrating him with you.

*Sending love and condolences,
Bryan, Stephani, Quinn & Sawyer*

Bryan Griffith - March 05, 2021 at 11:25 AM

LM

Thank you Bryan.

Linda Mattern - March 06, 2021 at 09:22 PM

CH

“ *Condolences to the family. So very sorry to learn of your loss. I worked with Jim at DuPont in Parkersburg, WV and we had some enjoyable times together.*

Charles Huff - March 05, 2021 at 10:54 AM

WR

“ *With deep heartfelt sympathy to the family for the loss of Jim, many fond memories growing up..May God give you all peace and comfort 🙏*

Wendy Reeves - March 05, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of James Delano Mattern, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Air Force Veteran, James Delano Mattern, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - March 05, 2021 at 08:17 AM

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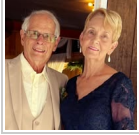
Thank you.

Linda Mattern - March 06, 2021 at 09:23 PM

CH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Jimmy was a great coach & person. We had a lot of great times on & off the mat. Jimmy will be deeply missed by many. Thoughts & Prayers to all. Craig Hill, Parkersburg, WV*

craig hill - March 05, 2021 at 07:36 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere sympathy on the death of Jimmy, he was a fine man ! I'm sure Gene was waiting for him at the pearly gates and what a reunion they will have . God bless and take care of you and your family. Janice McCutcheon Ridenour, Largo, Florida.*

Janice Foster Ridenour - March 05, 2021 at 06:00 AM

LM

Thank you Janice. Jim and Gene were forever friends.

Linda Mattern - March 06, 2021 at 09:19 PM

CA

We miss Jim and only have to look in Linda's eyes to see his love for his family and our church and its members. Our condolences and love always.

Charlette Allred - March 07, 2021 at 09:56 AM