



## Dudley Roy Matthews

October 4, 1962 - February 4, 2021

Dudley Roy Matthews, 58, of Prince George, VA, passed away on Thursday, February 4, 2021. He is preceded in death by his wife of 22 years, Josephine Mathews; His parents Donald and Margaret Matthews; his brother, Tony Matthews and grandson Cayden Coalson. He is survived by his daughters Amanda (Chris) Matthews, Candy Sirles, Amber Lomax; grandchildren Sandra Grant, Joseph Cooper, Savannah Coalson, Luna Butler, and Paisley Nesbitt; sisters Marty (Tom) Alsup, Janice Fuller, Cindy (John) Martin and Deborah Jo Wheeler. Dudley was a custodian at South Elementary (Prince George) for nearly 30 years. He belonged to the Dinwiddie Moose Lodge and Prince George School System. He loved the Georgia Bulldogs, CB's and Ventriloquist dolls, he enjoyed listening to music and attending concerts. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions Oakland Baptist Church for the Helping Hands Ministry Fund. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at the Hopewell chapel of J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home. Interment will take place at a later date. Condolences may be registered online at <http://www.jtmorriss.com>.

# Cemetery

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## Merchants Hope Memorial Gardens

11302 Merchants Hope Road  
Prince George, VA, 23875

# Events

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**FEB** **Service** 11:00AM

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Hopewell Chapel  
820 W. Broadway Avenue, Hopewell, VA, US,  
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# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - February 12 at 05:33 PM

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“ A tribute video has been added.



J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - February 09 at 06:59 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Dudley's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Dianna Davis Janeka - February 15 at 03:42 PM

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“ i met him while i was working in the champion after school program. he was the nicest and most helpful man. he loved talking about his f.family and always had a smile on his face. my prayers are with his family mrs mann saint joseph school

marilyn mann - February 15 at 01:20 PM

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“ Marilyn Mann lit a candle in memory of Dudley Roy Matthews



**marilyn mann** - February 15 at 01:17 PM

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“ Mathews family, so sorry for your loss. I worked a few years with Dudley at south elementary, everyone loved him, he was kind, gentle, all around good guy, you will be truly missed,, Karen Shelton

**karen shelton** - February 14 at 09:45 PM

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“ We will miss you cousin and we mourn our loss of such a kind and gentle person. We rest assured knowing that you have been reunited with our family that has gone home. We will certainly miss you. You were a cherished family member and we were blessed to have you for the short time you were with us. Everyone that knew you was blessed. You left your kindness and love in the hearts of all the people you knew. Today as you experience the other side of glory, I know that I will see you again. I will miss talking to you. We love you and you will never be forgotten.

**Josh Matthews** - February 13 at 08:32 PM

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“ TANYA lit a candle in memory of Dudley Roy Matthews



TANYA - February 13 at 10:04 AM



“ Uncle Dudley was a great man, he loved to be around people and make them laugh, and he did that so well . You will be missed and the funny things you would say to make people laugh. Love you and rest in peace!

TANYA - February 13 at 10:10 AM

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“ Dudley was a great person to have around lots of laughs and fun. Hes been a friend of the family for along time. Got him to play santa clause one christmas for my kids and to have pictures done. He was yhe best one! He will be missed by so many people. RIP Dudley !!!

Gail Sprouse - February 12 at 12:17 PM

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“ Dudley was a classmate of mine in Prince George and was a very loving person to all who came in contact with him. He would be dearly missed. My condolences to his family



Jackie Cookie Tyler - February 12 at 10:10 AM

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“ I love my Baby Brother so much. He was always cutting up and getting into daredevil stuff. On his bicycle and co-carts to cars. He had a good personality and always liked to know what people were doing. We shared a lot of fun times on Camping trips with our family as kids. Your Sister's love you so much. Janice & Marty



**Martha (Marty) Matthews Alsup, RN** - February 12 at 03:27 AM

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“ Dudley was such a sweet and caring man. I am so glad I had the privilege to know him for the years that I did. I know he is in Heaven enjoying his time with Jo Mama. Rest in Heaven Dudley. You will be missed!

**Emily Kriger** - February 11 at 04:08 PM

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“ Dudley was such a sweet guy. My sister and I worked with him at Robert's BBQ in the 80's.  
If you said something he didn't like you were put on his "Peanut Butter" list.

My condolences to his family.

**Gail DeVine** - February 10 at 03:49 PM

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“ He was a great guy! I will miss you Dudley you were always the one to show up and make us laugh Good Times I will always remember. RIP Buddy

**Ronnie Sprouse** - February 10 at 03:33 PM

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“ I will never forget In the early 80's Dudley played Santa Clause for my two Children i will always cherish that memory..

**Cindy & Jerry** - February 10 at 11:53 AM



“ Sincere sympathy to the family. What a kind man he was. I remember his love for music and he just liked people! He never met a stranger and always spoke whenever I ran into him even if it had been years. He loved his family so much. I know he will be missed. RIP Dudley!

**Kay Almarode** - February 10 at 11:05 AM

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“ This is so heart breaking. He was a very sweet person. As long as I've known Dudley which has been since I was about 8 yrs old..I've never seen. A Mean bone in him, always smiling. I am going to miss him. I love you Dudley, go rest high on that Mountain my friend.

**Kelly Davis** - February 09 at 10:48 PM

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“ To the family of Dudley,  
My heartfelt condolences to out to you all on the passing of Dudley.I had known Dudley since the days at Walton Middle , NB Clements Jr. High and PGHS. He was one of the most well mannered kindred souls I ever knew. Always a kind word whenever I would chat with him. May God's blessings be upon you all.

**Bill Collins** - February 09 at 10:16 PM



“ I'm Dudley's big Sister and I'll never be the same w/o him. We knew everything there is know about each other's Life. I was 8 years older than him when he came home for the first time. Dad said, “ you got to help me take of Dudley your won't be home for a week “. My first experience being a Mom and I took him everywhere on my hip as he grew , then on my bike. We always had fun together playing in the woods and making Forts. He was so hyper I couldn't keep up. We tried teaching him to read and he would have us laughing before we explained anything. Tutors were always a woman and Dudley was a charmer so they ended classes quite quick. He got older and grew up big and handsome. So to impress women he'd tell them he was a Wrestler. But we the family knew when someone asked to reply with “the only thing he wrestled was big women. Of we all had a big laugh! Didn't bother him that was still Duds one liner to meet a girl. We all took a trip to visit our Cousins in SC, on the way we stopped and ordered Ice cream. As Janice our Sister got hers she said this isn't what I ordered so the lady hands me the ice cream. Fixes it again so she get the next one wrong too. So she remakes it, well by the time all of got our orders. We had 3 extra ice creams for the 4 of us on a hot summer day. So we go out side and start eating and passing out ice to each other & it's dripping everywhere. We all were laughing so hard. We always say from then on if we're having a bad day . Do you want to go get some ice cream. He was creative making co-carts, fixing TV's, drawing whatever some one wanted. Cartoon characters on the wall of friends rooms. He never met a stranger and always pleasant . But if he was hungry and couldn't get hamburger or hotdog his way he complain to anyone that would listen. He's been saying for years I ready to go see my Moma after he couldn't drive or do for himself. He was not accepting that his heart was felling. I've prayed for him to see our Mom since 2002. I know he's with her now. He was a sweet kid , brother and friend. Love you my Baby Brother!

**Martha (Marty) Matthews Alsup, RN** - February 11 at 04:05 AM



“ Dudley was the kindest most gentle man that absolutely loved his job at South. He always went out of the way to speak kind words to me and my daughter!

**Angela Ruis** - February 09 at 09:34 PM



“ I grew up with Dudley in the ole Red Hill trailer park ,I am eight years younger than him but as a lil boy he always watched over me when trying to play with my older brother n his friends .He was a kind boy then and grew into a kinder man in his years on earth !!Dudley ole friend you RIP brother You are in good hands now.Prayers to the family,God Bless

**Scott Farley** - February 09 at 09:34 PM



“ Rip Dudley, another trailer park friend he was always so much fun to be around, we all had good times in the 70 and 80's in trailer park...fly high my friend

**Debbie Lipscomb** - February 11 at 05:36 PM

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“ I grew up with Dudley at Red Hill and was able to get reconnected to him many years later. Reflecting back, I now know he was the best of us!

**John Jefferson** - February 09 at 09:17 PM

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“ I worked with Dudley at South. He was a kind hearted person. He loved to bring joy to children through a visit from Santa! I sent my thoughts and prayers to the family.

**Leslie Allin** - February 09 at 08:09 PM

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“ My name is James Walker one of Dudleys nephews. Dudley was the uncle I was mostly connected to and use too hangout together from a young age up until I was full grown. I am deeply saddened of his passing and will always love him. I know he's in a better place and being the Dudley I remember from years gone by. So until we meet again my dearest uncle I will always love you and remember you and will never forget the laughs and good times we had together.

**James Walker** - February 09 at 07:55 PM



“ That is sweet brought tears to my eyes

**Gail** - February 12 at 12:14 PM

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“ My relationship with Dudley Matthews, a kind and caring man, goes back to the late 70's when he was a student at Prince George High School. The staff was having trouble with students incorrectly entering and leaving cafeteria serving line doors, so I asked Dudley, a talented artist, to draw pictures for door identification.

Later in the early 90's, when in need of a custodian at South Elementary, I recalled having watched Dudley bus tables at Robert's BBQ in Hopewell. He was careful, thorough, and attentive to job requirements. To me, it was the right choice in selecting Dudley for employment at South. He was so proud of his job and South Elementary, that he asked for and received permission to use the school cafeteria for his wedding ceremony and reception.

Nearly 30 years later, after many custodians had come and gone, Dudley still faithfully remained, but a sudden devastating health issue made it necessary for him to retire.

He has been and will be missed.

Hugh G Mumford

**Hugh G Mumford** - February 09 at 07:27 PM



“ You were one if the most important men in my daddy's life. He loved you so much. Thank you for everything you have done for me and my family!

**Amanda Matthews** - February 10 at 08:00 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. Dudley was always willing to help anyone. He was a wonderful member of the South family. We will continue to miss him.

**Lori McCoy** - February 09 at 07:18 PM

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“ Rest in peace

**DeeJay** - February 09 at 07:14 PM

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“ 56 files added to the album LifeTributes



J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - February 09 at 06:58 PM

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“ I've Known dudley along time even before i became family. I will remember him in the way he was when I was younger as Santa Clause! He is a long time friend of my family. I know he will be missed so much! RIP Dudley we will miss you and Love you Always will be thinking about you!!



crystal walker - February 09 at 04:14 PM

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“ I've known Dudley since my days at Prince George High School and he was always a nice guy who would greet you with a smile and a hello no matter who you were. I am so sorry to hear of his passing... until we meet again my friend. Sending prayers to his family during this time. in Jesus heavenly name I pray amen

Mary Johnson - February 09 at 03:41 PM

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“ I have known Dudley for years since the late 70s or earlier than that when he lived in Redhill trailer park in Prince George. Oh yeah the Georgia Bulldogs. His CB handle was Rocking Chair Roller. Me and Dudley would go riding every once in a while . we would meet up at a lot of different places down through the years. He was very good with Lawn Mower riding lawnmowers small engines he would get them running. Dudley was very talented , and our hellos to each other on WHAP radio in the morning with swap shop. He would be looking for some lawn mowers parts or if anybody had any and I was looking for some car parts for my car at the end he would say hello Mike I would say at the end of My Conversation with the radio hello Dudley! When Dudley married got married to Josephine We still kept up with each other . Tony worked at Walmart his brother he would say super freak I would reply back and say hey Tony. I was surprised when Tony passed I did not know. I went to see Dudley's last day he recognized me he could not really get it out but he mouth out Mike. It was a pleasure knowing you Dudley you were a good friend we was always there for each other. And you will be missed by many my brother . I will miss you a lot my friend until we meet again.

**michael hamilton** - February 09 at 03:19 PM

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“ I know Dudley will be missed by so many, but it's hard to imagine the true number of lives he touched during his time. I will always have memories of him as my Uncle and I enjoyed the time that we spent together. I remember him always being the fun loving guy that would always make you laugh and smile. Whether he was playing Santa Claus or showing off his newest latest and greatest Bulldog merchandise, he was always a joy to be around. Let his kindness live on through all of us!

Best wishes to Amanda and the rest of the family during these hard times.

**Patrick Alsup** - February 09 at 02:42 PM

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“ You will definitely be missed I have known you for years . You were a great person .

**vicky Braverman** - February 09 at 01:25 PM



“ You were a generous n great person I have known you for a long time .

**vicky Braverman** - February 09 at 01:27 PM

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“ Mr. Williams was the sweetest man ever! He was the custodian when I was in elementary school 20 years ago! He was so stinking sweet. And 20 years, I have never forgot him. He definitely made an impact in my life. My daughter got the privilege of meeting him too in school! Sending so many prayers to you and your family. ♥

**Taylor Miner** - February 09 at 01:17 PM



“ Mr. Matthews is his name

**Martha (Marty) Matthews Alsup, RN** - February 13 at 02:27 AM



“ So truly sorry for your loss. Dudley was one of a kind...always generous, giving. Ricky Taylor, Eddie (P-Nut), Dudley and I would hang out....cruise around town...always having a good time. That was back in the 80's...seems like such a long time ago. And yes, he did love them Bulldogs!! I am sure he is hanging with P-Nut now. I cherish our time together. Until we meet again in heaven, Brother...Love you!!

**Roland Vargovich** - February 09 at 12:56 PM



“ Paige Allen lit a candle in memory of Dudley Roy Matthews



**Paige Allen** - February 09 at 12:37 PM



“ I remember all the times that we took Dudley camping with us. He was like one on my own.

**Patricia Dostie** - February 09 at 12:10 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of your parents, may God and his angels be resting near you through this difficult time. Praying for peace and comfort for you and your family.

**Apryl Coalson** - February 09 at 12:05 PM

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“ I knew Dudley since he was a little boy as I married his oldest sister Marty. When he was around 8 when Marty and I was dating I remember him asking me in front of his Mom and Dad if I was going to marry his sister. As he grew he developed a passion for the Georgia Bulldog mascot. He didn't follow the Georgia sports program he just liked their mascot. He loved hot dogs and was quick to tell the vendor exactly how to make it. He did follow the Clemson Tigers football team and he, brother Tony, sister Marty and cousin Deborah went to Death Valley one day and rubbed Howard's rock. He was one of a kind.

**Tom Alsup** - February 09 at 11:38 AM



“ I have such wonder memories of Dudley and his Family. As a teacher in Prince Geotge County, I got the opportunity to tech his nieces. His parents were wonderful strong supporters for the whole family. I will always remember Dudley as our Santa Claus!  
Hazel Hill

**Hazel Hill** - February 09 at 11:44 AM



“ I will truly miss ucle dudley he loved to joke n make me lol he was liked by many he liked CB S bulldogs wrestling uncle dudley will truly be missed he enjoyed playing Santa Claus his truck uncle dudley n aunt Joe are truly missed. Rest in peace.nephew Paige Allen  
Guntersville Al.

**Paige Allen** - February 09 at 12:36 PM



“ I am truly saddened to see this. When I first became a teacher at South Elementary School, he was one of the first to welcome me. He would always say a kind word everyday. I can hear him say, "You are a nice lady". He made me smile with his kind heart and just a genuine person. Mr. Mathews, I know your wings have been made in heaven.

Fondly,  
Mrs. Brenda Walton

**Brenda Walton** - February 09 at 03:14 PM



“ My Uncle Dudley was more like a big brother cause I was raised at my grandparents. He use to take me to the corner store on the Go-cart to get Candy. I will always remember the times I went out with my Uncle's to hear the bands play. I've been helping keep Dudley entertained since his illness. But it was a chore with his Wheelchair but I not him. He kept me going after losing Uncle Tony. I'm certainly going to miss his phone calls. He'd always say "have you left yet" ? He really enjoyed my friend John and they would cut up all the time. Little did we know that John lost his brother a few years ago at a young age too. He resembles him very much. I know you're well now and with Moma & Daddy. Love you Rest In Peace .

**Cindy Martin** - February 10 at 01:23 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Dudley’s family. I had the pleasure of knowing him through Josephine who I worked with for many years. He was a sweet soul and always had a smile for you. Carol Clark



**Carol Clark** - February 09 at 11:03 AM



“ My momma passed about 6 months ago as well.

**Amanda Matthews** - February 09 at 11:07 AM



“ Dudley was a very good person the kids at the school li Ed him he loved to do Santa for the kids he came to my house many times for my gran babies he will be missed dearly by so many rip until we meet again my friend

**Debbie** - February 09 at 11:25 AM