



William Frank Matre

October 25, 1923 - August 3, 2021

William Frank Matre, 97, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away on August 3, 2021 in Joanne's House at Hope Hospice. He was born on October 25, 1923 in Cicero, IL, the only son of the late Frank and Jenny (Zinmy) Matre.

Bill worked as a Sales and Marketing Executive, spending 38 years with the Kraft Foods Company. Following retirement he and Patricia "Pat" relocated to Bonita Springs, FL.

Bill was a veteran of WWII proudly serving in the US Navy.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Patricia "Pat" (Gubbins) Matre; son, William Patrick (Cheryl) Matre; daughters, Linda Marie Matre, Cynthia Ann Matre (Eric Krull), Susan Eileen Matre (Charles Pokoski); grandchildren, Lindsey Solesi (Anthony), Kerianne, William, Melanie, Kristin, Kyle, Kurt, Allison, and Sean; and sister Micheline (Theodore) Szcznesiak. Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Jenny Matre, sister, Barbara Slaski; and step-father, Henry Slaski.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 12:00 PM in St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church with burial following in the Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (<https://www.cff.org/donate>) or Joanne's House at Hope Hospice (<https://donate.hopehcs.org/>).

To sign Bill's guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave N
Naples, FL 34108-1825
(239) 566-8740

Tribute Wall



“ *William Frank Matre*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Frank Matre.*



August 24, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ *Mr.Matre is my niece Cheryl's father in law. She adored him and has spoken kindly about him over the years. The whole family has my sincere sympathy. I thank Mr.Matre for his service to our country. May he rest in peace after such a long life.*

MARY N PULLEY - August 18, 2021 at 01:21 PM

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“*Mr. Matre was a true American hero...in every sense of the word. He was committed to his country, his family, and his profession. And he always had a smile on his face when we were together. I met Mr. Matre over 40 years ago through his daughter, Susan Eileen...and soon got to meet the entire Matre clan!*

There are way too many stories to tell here, but I'll share one we had together in Hospice, a couple of days before he passed. Mr. Matre was a big fan of the University of Notre Dame, where his son, Bill, was a starting pitcher on the baseball team and his daughter, Sue, attended ND's sister school, St. Mary's College. From his Hospice bed, surrounded by family and me, he asked, "So, Pete, how do you think we're gonna do this year?" He was referring to Notre Dame football, a topic near and dear to both of us.

As we each offered the other our "expert" opinions on the various players and position groups, his eyes lit up, his voice got stronger, and he sat up straighter in his bed. We then went through each opponent on ND's schedule, week by week, predicting wins and losses. In the end we determined ND would have an undefeated season and win the national championship. And why not?

I was honored and privileged to be with Mr. Matre those couple of days before he expired, and I'll never forget that last conversation nor the hundreds that preceded it. Mr. Matre was a true American hero. Ummm, did I say that already? It deserves repeating. And he led his life with humor, humility and grace. He will live in our hearts forever.

-- Dr. Pete Cuozzo

Dr. Pete Cuozzo - August 12, 2021 at 06:26 PM