



Walter Ernest Mattson

February 25, 1938 - March 28, 2025

Walter Ernest Mattson, 87 of Huntington, WV passed away Friday, March 28, 2025. He was born February 25, 1938 in Jersey City, New Jersey the son of the late Walter and Esther Carlson Mattson. He was retired from INCO, Special Metals with thirty-four years of service. He was a Scoutmaster in Jersey City, New Jersey and Wayne, New Jersey and a longtime volunteer for Habitat for Humanity serving as a Construction Foreman from 1997-1999. He is survived by his loving wife, Janet Zimnick Mattson of Huntington, WV; two daughters, Gwen (Doug) Irby and Lisa (Ray) Sifford; four grandchildren, Parker, Carson, Conner and Molly. A Celebration of Walter's Life will be conducted at 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at Bates Memorial Presbyterian Church, 103 Jefferson Park Dr. Huntington, WV with Pastor Scott Hoppe officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Walter's honor to Huntington Habitat for Humanity or Bates Memorial Presbyterian Church. Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services, 6357 E. Pea Ridge Rd. Huntington, WV near Barboursville are caring for the family. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.hensonandkitchen.com .

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bates Memorial Presbyterian Church
103 Jefferson Park Drive
Huntington, WV 25705

Celebration Of Life

APR 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I was very sad to hear about Walter’s passing. I have such wonderful memories of my time with your family exactly 30 years ago as a German exchange student, and I will always remember his kindness and generosity. Every morning, he would place the newspaper in front of me and say, "Good morning, Miss Ines. Here are the comics." I always thought it was such a sweet and funny gesture. It made me feel really welcome and I've never forgotten it. My thoughts are with you all during this difficult time. I wanted to share this photo from my time with your family as a small tribute to the wonderful memories.



Ines Kunze - April 02, 2025 at 04:56 PM

JM

Thank you, Ines, I had forgotten that. Love you, Mom

Janet Mattson - April 20, 2025 at 12:31 AM

DF

“ As Director of HAHFA many years ago, I could count on Walter to keep things going on construction at the site. He was a leader and a dear friend, and memories of us working together are dear to me. He was special. Janet, my prayers are with you and your family.

Diane Feaganes - April 02, 2025 at 12:18 PM

BK

“ My memories of Walter go back so very long ago! Janet, my dear friend, started dating this guy. He wasn't “in the group “. But when I met him, I thought he was a really good guy. As it turned out, he proved to be so much better. My dear friend and Walter have a beauty family. He will be missed but never forgotten. Rest in peace!
Barbara

Barbara Kowalski - April 02, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Walter Ernest Mattson.



April 02, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter Ernest Mattson.

April 02, 2025 at 10:49 AM

DW

“ Dennis Irby & Diane Wilson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Walter Ernest Mattson.



Dennis Irby & Diane Wilson - April 01, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Ernest Mattson.*



April 01, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter Ernest Mattson.

April 01, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Walter Ernest Mattson.*



March 31, 2025 at 10:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter Ernest Mattson.

March 31, 2025 at 10:14 PM

RA

“ *Shalom, good friend, Walter. We shall miss your sweet smile, wit, laughter, calm demeanor, woodworking expertise, Christmas bow ties and your phone call or knock on our front door to enjoy a cup of coffee and a "sweet", especially powdered donuts. Phillip and Ramona*



Ramona Anderson - March 31, 2025 at 03:23 PM

GI

Love all the pictures, Ramona. Thank you for sharing them.

Gwen Irby - March 31, 2025 at 07:56 PM

JM

I'd love to know what he was laughing at while sitting on the floor. Thank you for the loving comments of Walter. He loved being able to see and sit with your grandgirls. Our visit that day was his last fun outing.

Janet Mattson - April 20, 2025 at 12:43 AM