



# Gregory Heard Matthews

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Gregory “Greg” Heard Matthews, 67, formerly of Chattanooga, passed away Wednesday, October 18, 2023, in an Atlanta, Georgia hospital. He was born July 9, 1956, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Greg was preceded in death by his father, Heard R. Matthews; his mother, Lula M. Favors-Matthews; and his brother, Mark D. Matthews. Greg is survived by his fiancé and life partner, Elayne Booker; his son, Gregory Mack; daughter, Angela (Brandon) Smith; grandchildren, Jayden, Justin, and his adopted grandson, Ashton Hickson; his aunt, Mildred Favors-Jones of Atlanta, GA; and his siblings, Andre (Karla) Matthews, James (Theresa) Matthews, Lydia Mechelle (Michael) Gant, and Antonio (Alextria); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins; other loving relatives and devoted friends. Family was the most important aspect of Greg’s life. His big smile and boisterous laughter will be greatly missed. Greg will lie-in-state on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 9 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 3 p.m. in the chapel.

Directions on Live Stream: Click the link below and you will be able to view the service on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?>

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# Events

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## Lie-In-State


 **Saturday**, October 28, 2023

 9:00 AM ET

 **Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



## Service

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 3:00 PM ET

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# Tribute Wall

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**Taylor Funeral Home Of Chattanooga, Inc.** shared an album called **Camera2-GregoryMatthews.**



October 29 at 1:04 PM



**Taylor Funeral Home Of Chattanooga, Inc.** shared an album called **Camera1-GregoryMatthews.**



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**Michelle Reid** posted:

Thank you Greg for being a great father to me you treated me like a daughter of your own . You gave my mother friendship and unconditional love.. And I will be forever grateful for the joy you brought us all..

October 29 at 12:36 PM



**Lawanda** posted:

I met Greg some years ago. He was at that time traveling back and forth from Atlanta to Chattanooga with his two beautiful children, Angie and little Greg, seeing about his parents house off of North Chamberlain Avenue up the hill. He loved and cared dearly about his children. He was a kind and beautiful person. Always smiling. My name for him was Mr. Smiley. I know he will be greatly missed. To Angie, little Greg, and the other family members, may the LORD grant to you strength, comfort, and peace in the coming days. Hold to GOD'S unchanging hand. Rest in Heaven, Mr. Smiley!...  
Lawanda aka Pinkie

October 28 at 1:45 AM



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**Angie** posted:

Dad, You were more than just my dad. You were my friend. From the time my brother and I were little, my dad always told us how important it was to get an education. When I returned to him as a teen, current events and politics were how we bonded. Anytime something happened on the news, my dad would call me (or vice versa) and we would catch up and laugh. My dad was a loving dad, but he was tough with me. It took me quite a bit of time to appreciate his tough love approach with me. Once I began to have children of my own, I really valued his approach to parenting and I also realized how tough parenting really is. My dad was not only my dad; he gave me a lot of advice. He has always pushed for my brother and I to be patient and open-minded. My dad, honestly, had his work cut out for him when me and my brother returned to my dad. He took us back in as teens and we had been through a lot. The thing is, my dad never had to do take us back in. He could have left us where we were. He didn't give up on us. He worked really hard to give us stability and most of all, he was the adult that we could turn to so that my brother and I were emotionally and physically safe. To know the lengths and the trials that my dad endured in order to protect my brother and I, is just a lot. See, my dad wasn't just my dad. He wasn't just my kid's Nonno (Italian for Grandfather). He wasn't just my husband's father-in-law. My dad was my hero. My dad has been there for me at my lowest of lows. With my dad gone, I couldn't help but think about the kindness and his effortless positive spirit that left this world, permanently. For the longest, I would ask my dad for his birthday, Father's Day and Christmas what could I get for him. So often, his answer was world peace. This went on for a long time, but it was just who he was. I miss my dad tremendously. I love you dad. Forever and always,  
Your Angie Pooh

October 24 at 5:58 AM



**Glenda Sorrells Morgan** lit a candle in honor of Gregory.

Condolences to Greg's family! I remember that big smile!

October 27 at 6:32 AM



**Patricia Reynolds** sent a virtual gift in honor of Gregory.

October 26 at 4:32 PM



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October 26 at 4:31 PM





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PR

**Patricia Reynolds** lit a candle in honor of Gregory.

fly high greg and take your rest.

October 26 at 4:31 PM



CB

**Comm.Greg And Pat Beck** lit a candle in honor of Gregory.

October 26 at 11:48 AM



BB

**Barbara A. Butler** lit a candle in honor of Gregory.

October 25 at 4:22 PM



CM

**Caroline Mccants** posted:

I have known Gregory since we were kids we grew up together as neighbors and best friends Gregory was kind, honest and a loving person, he always kept me laughing about the things we've done and the things we was about to do, but years took us in different direction. he ways in my heart as my best friend. R.I.P Best Friend

October 24 at 4:18 PM

BB

**Barbara A. Butler** October 25 at 4:09 PM

Dear Family and Friends I am Barbara A. Butler from Michigan. My heart hurt last week after I had learn of the passing of Greg—/ we both met via phone when we we 17 years young.Always a kind gentleman and had something funny to say. May he rest and May each of you hold on to the memories and know that Father God will take care of Greg and each of you. God Bless ——. Love, B.A. Butler ( this is how Greg would address me).

CB

**Comm.Greg And Pat Beck** lit a candle in honor of Gregory.

October 24 at 2:36 PM





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**Elayne Booker** posted:

I can not think of a single day since I met Greg that he hasn't brought a smile to my face. I will be forever grateful for having him be a part of my life. He has been a gift to this world that most will never forgetElayne

October 24 at 5:58 AM



# Media

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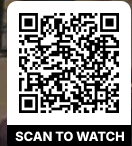
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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Gregory by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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