



## John Ralph Mattson

April 7, 1927 - January 8, 2019

MATTSON – John Ralph Mattson, age 91, passed away Tuesday, January 8, 2019. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Mattson; parents, Joseph and Emma Mattson; brothers, Robert Mattson and Walter Mattson; sister, Betty Roman. John is survived by his children, Pat (Steve) Martin, Joyce Julien, John “Bob” (Joann) Mattson, Charles (Joan) Mattson, Lori Jo (Kerry) Glidden, Traci (John) Abma; grandchildren, Melissa (Greg) Bellefeuille, Steve (Ginger) Martin Jr., Clayton Martin, Jaci Martin, Charles (Vanessa) Julien, Melinda “Mindy” Julien, Jessica (Chay) Yankee, Janna (Sean) Silva, Ryan (Brenda) Mattson, Jonathan (Sarah) Mattson, Samantha (Brad) Ringelberg, Robert Glidden, Cassandra Abma, Sarah Abma, Emily Abma; 25 great grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law, Bonnie (Richard) Haner, Mary (Bill) Frizzell, Charles (Laura) Colegrove, Ruth Edwards, Esther Anderson, Herm Colegrove, Harold (Mary) Colegrove, Ed (Sheila) Colegrove, Eugene (Leah) Colegrove.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, January 12 at Living Hope Community Church, 2391 Hillside Drive NW, Grand Rapids with Pastor Jim Hogg and Pastor Raymond Haner officiating. John’s family will greet relatives and friends 5:00 to 7:00 PM Friday at Stegenga Funeral Chapel, 1601 Post Drive NE, Belmont and one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Emmanuel Hospice. To share a photo, memory and sign the family’s online guestbook please visit [www.stegengafuneralchapel.com](http://www.stegengafuneralchapel.com)

# Cemetery

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**Eden Township Cemetery**

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# Events

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**JAN 11 Visitation 05:00PM - 07:00PM**

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Stegenga Funeral Chapel - Belmont

1601 Post Dr. NE, Belmont, MI, US, 49306

**JAN 12 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM**

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Living Hope Community Church

2391 Hillside Dr. NW, Walker, MI, US, 49544

**JAN 12 Funeral Service 11:00AM**

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# Comments

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Ralph Mattson.



January 11 at 01:28 PM

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January 11 at 10:31 AM

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“ My heart is broken.....but yet I rejoice knowing where you are.

Just last week during one of my visits with my dad, I decided to play some old hymns on my phone. He sat there listening to many of the songs from years past while eating dinner. When I played "The Garden" (one my mom often sang in church) He laid his spoon down, folded his hands, laid his head back and closed his eyes. I sat there watching him for a few min, I could see a small quiver in his lower lip. I asked him, "Do you remember this song, dad?" He replied in a soft "yes"

I remember one year I was about 12 or 13 I took a trip with my dad up to Escanaba, on our way home we walked the big Mac bridge. It was a chilly raining day, but I loved every min of it. I even talked him into stopping at a few of those touristy trap stores. Even getting him to buy me some of those wonderful gadgets, and if you knew my dad if you asked for money he would say "stop being so sassy" LOL

He taught me how to drive on the back roads in Irons (shhhh don't tell mom)  
My dad always worried if we had enough food, or money, or blankets. He loved unconditionally even when he was grumpy.

I will miss you.....see you again one day

Your baby :-)



“ Sending prayers for all the Mattson family.

**Gary J Lipscomb** - January 09 at 11:43 PM

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“ I have exceptionally fond memories of my Uncle John Mattson. One of my most favorite memories takes place at White Lake in Charlevoix, MI during our camping years when he pulled my brother, Alan Frizzell, out of the water by reaching into the depths and getting hold of his hair. Every time I remember this episode I just laugh and laugh. Alan wanted to ride in the boat with Uncle John but just could not wait for the boat to reach the dock and he went running right off the dock. Uncle John\*s quick thinking probably saved Alan\*s life! And I am still laughing as I share this. Uncle John was so dry but so incredibly witty! Every memory has me laughing, almost to the point of tears running down my face. Loved my Uncle John, my second dad. He was handsome in his deputy sheriff\*s uniform keeping watch over the vehicles at Apostolic Gospel Tabernacle on Bellevue Street in Wyoming, MI. I always felt safe knowing he was there, watching and keeping every one safe. A good man, a very good man who will be missed.

**Lynn Frizzell** - January 09 at 09:46 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time!! Mr Mattson was a great person who always treated you like family!! We especially enjoyed his reminiscences of growing up in Escanaba!! Drew and Brenda DeGood

**Brenda DeGood** - January 09 at 09:20 PM

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“ Going to miss you dad, best father in law ever. Miss working the flea markets in the booth along side you in trufant. Those were really special days spent there. I considered you "the" flea market king! Love you your son-in-law, Kerry Glidden ps day hi to mom for me

**Lori Glidden** - January 09 at 08:24 PM

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**Lori and Kerry Glidden** - January 09 at 07:53 PM

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“ Going to miss you Uncle John.



**Geri Cherrette** - January 09 at 06:18 PM