



Donald Ray Matthews

September 17, 1954 - October 17, 2023

Donald Ray was born on September 17, 1954 in Austin, Texas to Alfred Jr. and Lovie Lee Matthews. He attended schools in the Austin Independent School District and found a passion for cooking. He started cooking in the cafeteria at Marymount and then in the kitchen for The Magic Time Machine and Olive Garden. You knew when he was in the kitchen, he was in his element.

Donald Ray accepted Christ early in life and came to know Jesus as his Christ and Savior. His signature style was wearing a baseball cap backwards, a t-shirt, blue jeans and dark sunglasses; a style only he could pull off. He enjoyed golfing, playing pool, Hippy Hollow Park, The Drag, Hamilton pool, Mansfield Dam and especially Lake Travis. He enjoyed travelling to places like New Mexico and California; and exploring all that Austin had to offer. He had endless stories and would make friends anywhere he went; Donald Ray was the best tour guide of Austin and would walk for miles to enjoy what the city had to offer.

On October 17, 2023, the Lord called Donald Ray home. He is proceeded in death by his parents, Alfred Jr. and Lovie Lee Matthews; siblings, Kenneth, Eddie, Darius, Gregory, and Linda; nephew Alfred IV and his grandparents. He leaves to cherish and rejoice his memory, siblings Alfred Matthews III, William Matthews and Beverly Matthews-Crotty; daughters Lovie Renee

Matthews and Dawn Matthews; grandchildren, Brandon Castillo Jr. and Aaliyah Estrada; nephews, Gregory Matthews, Freddie Maxwell Jr., and Darnell Matthews; nieces Chelsea Matthews-Hughes, Keitha "Feet" McKinney, Stefanie Crotty, Dominique Matthews, Jasmine Matthews, Olivia Matthews and Shannon Darden; cousin/nephew Richard Parr; cousin/nieces, Rubena Burditt and Sherry Burditt; and many other loved ones and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ I miss and love ya old man! 💙

Lovie Matthews - January 05, 2024 at 05:51 PM

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Love Donald Ray was my bud . Charles hawkins trifling loke Ronnie dorius alfred Jacky Steve.....,,,

Charles hawkins - September 03, 2025 at 07:49 PM

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“ Lighting a candle for my dad.



Lovie Matthews - January 05, 2024 at 05:48 PM

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“ I miss you Uncle Donald Ray!

Keitha McKinney - January 02, 2024 at 10:35 PM

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“ Keitha McKinney lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray Matthews



Keitha McKinney - January 02, 2024 at 10:33 PM