



## Graydon Mathis

November 6, 1926 - October 6, 2025

Rev. Graydon "Rabbit" Mathis passed away peacefully on Oct 6, 2025, at the age of 98 surrounded by his family. Graydon was a World War II veteran having served in the United States Navy and he retired from the National Park Service. Graydon was preceded in death by his wife of 75 years, Sarah Mathis, his grandson, Carl Peter Mathis, mother Zelma and step father Russell McMahan, brothers Jack Mathis, Sam Clayton McMahan (Martha), Chester McMahan, and Lester McMahan (Geraldine), sisters Bashie McMahan, Lessie Winter, and Pauline Tolley, daughters-in-law, Beverly Mathis and Sherrie Mathis. Graydon is survived by his sons Ralph Mathis, Terry Mathis, and Jerry (Beverly) Mathis, sister Geneva Strom, brothers Roy McMahan, and Creed (Glenda) McMahan, sisters-in-law Sue McMahan and Nell Mathis, brother-in-law Billy Winter also many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and a great great grandchild, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. Graydon was a strong-willed person of deep faith and was always ready to help his family and friends.

A graveside service at the Tritt Cemetery will be announced later.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at:[www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home, Newport, TN.

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Rabbit was a great help to me about the Bible many years ago I appreciated hearing him sing and preach  
He was a great man*

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**carroll miller** - January 28 at 04:04 PM

PE

“ *We will miss Uncle Grayson He is home now with his wife his mom &Dad his sisters and his brothers. We miss all of them so much. Ralph Terry Jerry grandkids and great grandkids you all in our prayers We will see him again one day. From Aunt Sue McMahan. And cousin Pam Ellison. We love you Uncle Grayson and Aunt Sarah.*

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**Pam Ellison** - October 17, 2025 at 07:19 PM

PH

“ *Graydon was very dear tome,I loved him dearly he was like a second Dad to me,my Dad was his uncle and they grew up together like brothers, Graydon lead my Dad to the Lord, Graydon loved people and most of all he loved,I have so many fond memories of Graydon and Sarah,I spent a week in the summers with them on Cosby, I'm so glad I got to visit with him before he passed. You willbe missed.*

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**Peggy Mathis Henderson** - October 15, 2025 at 11:23 PM

PE

“ My love and prayers for all I loved Graden and Sarah they were good neighbors and friends I couldnt be with you I was in Palm Springs visiting with our son



Paula and Dewey Evans - October 13, 2025 at 01:23 PM

VN

“ Prayers 🙏🙏 for the family and friends

Vick Naillon - October 12, 2025 at 05:35 AM

LS

“ Sorry to hear the passing of Mr. Graydon. He was a devoted Christian. I enjoyed talking to him when he came by the funeral home. Prayers for the family.

Linda Shaver - October 10, 2025 at 03:19 PM

DO

“ Sending love and prayers to the Mathis' family from Donna and Chris 🙏❤️



Donna - October 10, 2025 at 01:37 PM

DM

“ Will miss Uncle Graydon, his laugh, his good spirit and his innovative approach to life. He's really home now and if we follow the hope that he shared, we will see him again. Condolences to the family!

Dale & June McMahan - October 09, 2025 at 07:15 PM

BC

“ *Brenda cook lit a candle in memory of Graydon Mathis*



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**Brenda cook** - October 09, 2025 at 02:48 PM

DG

“ *Graydon was such a loving, caring man, he was so kind and giving, he loved his Lord and Savior, he was a dear friend to us, he will definitely be missed. Danny and Kathy Greene*

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**Danny and Kathy Greene** - October 09, 2025 at 12:32 PM