



Melvin Mattson

August 6, 1926 - September 27, 2010

MELVIN E. MATTSON, a resident of Falls Church, Virginia for over 40 years, died at his home in Gainesville, Virginia Monday, September 27, 2010 after a lengthy illness.

He was born in 1926 to Swedish immigrants in Gardner, Massachusetts. The family moved to New York City, and he graduated from the Bronx High School of Science in 1943, number 26 out of a class of 260. He went on to attend the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York. His first trip to sea was in 1945 as an engineering cadet and, over the next few years, he made several more trips to sea as an assistant engineer on merchant ships. In 1948, he activated his commission as an ensign in the Navy Reserve and went on active duty as a division officer on the U.S.S. Juno.

He left the navy in 1950, married Joyce Wild in 1952, and received a Bachelor's degree in mathematics from George Washington University in 1954. In 1960, he began working at the Department of the Interior, where he became an expert on water desalination and reverse osmosis. He did a lot of job-related traveling throughout his entire career and retired from the government in 1984. For many years afterwards, he continued to work part time as a tax preparer for H and R Block, and later as a volunteer tax preparer through AARP. He was a dedicated runner since the 1970's and was regularly ranked as one of the top runners in his age group by the Washington Running

Report.

He was preceded in death by his wife Joyce in 2004. He is survived by a sister, seven children, 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 3:00-4:00 P.M. Thursday, September 30, 2010 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, where funeral services will be held 4:00 P.M. Thursday. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Capital Hospice, 10530 Linden Lake Plaza, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109-6434 in loving memory of Melvin E. Mattson

Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dick and I were saddened today to hear of Uncle Melvin's passing. The family grapevine has been the main source of contact through the years, but, we always looked forward with much anticipation to visits from Uncle Melvin.

When Mother (Ellen) lived with us here in CA we saw Uncle Melvin more often. He always had stories and accompanying pictures of his beautiful, big family. He spoke of all his children and grandchildren with pride in not only their accomplishments, but who they were as caring, involved people.

The last time I saw him, Uncle Melvin had come to join us in celebrating Mother's 90th birthday at the home of my sister, Karen, and her husband, Darrell, in TN.

I will always remember him for the care that he showed to family and for his sense of humor. Dick and I share your loss and pray that you feel the loving arms of God around you today and always.

Barbara Crowder Doolittle - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

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“ Sending our sympathy to the family, May you be comforted by faith that the Lord has brought Melvin to a beautiful place of everlasting light and love. You are in our prayers. Barbara & John

John & Barbara Watson - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

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“ *My sympathy to all of you - Jan, Lori, Monica, Pam, Mary, Susan and Mark - and to your spouses and families.*

All of you are in my thoughts and prayers at this very special time for your families.

Moira Wild, OSB - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all, love, Sandra*

Sandra Watson - October 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM