

Order of Service

PIPKIN BRASWELL FUNERALS AND CREMATION
6601 E. Colfax Avenue | Denver, Colorado 80220
Pastor Reggie Taylor Officiant and Eulogist
Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church
Saturday June 18, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL.....Minister Nathaniel Black & Tara Washington Everette
"God Is"
PARTING MEMORIESPipkin Braswell Director
SELECTIONMinister Nathaniel Black & Tara Washington Everette
"He Saw The Best In Me"
PRAYER.....Minister
SCRIPTURE.....Brandi LaMarie Ellis
Old Testament / New Testament
SELECTIONMinister Nathaniel Black & Tara Washington Everette
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"
OBITUARY READING Sondia Y. Roberts
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS CONDOLENCES & OBITUARY.....Pipkin Braswell Director
Video Tribute
HONORING LARRY 2 minutes please
SELECTIONMinister Nathaniel Black & Tara Washington Everette
"Lord's Prayer"
SERMON OF HOPE.....Pastor Barbara A. Matthews
Pipkin Braswell Staff
"Going Up Yonder"
RECESSIONAL.....Nathaniel Black & Tara Washington Everette
"I Am Free"

Active Pallbearers
Tobias Lamar Matthews
Lee Ronnell Richmond
Andrew Pierre Richmond
Andre Richmond
Omar James Richmond
Asa Mellwood Matthews
Jamaal Dasaad Richmond
William Caleb Matthews

Honorary Pallbearers
William "Bo" Matthews
Kenneth Ray Matthews
Rodney Matthews
Delton Kayne Richmond
Trackwon Kyrese Scott-Roberts
Elijah DeShawn Scott-Roberts
Pierce Wesley Matthews

Interment

FT. Logan National Cemetery
4400 W. Kenyon Avenue | Denver, Colorado 80236

Acknowledgment

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, If so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, That anyone could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much.
— The Family of Larry James Matthews —

"When Someone You Love Becomes A Memory; The Memory Becomes A Treasure."

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STAFF SERGEANT (SSG)



SUNRISE
August 31, 1948

SUNSET
June 2, 2024

Staff Sergeant (S.S.G.) Larry James Matthews

SSG. Larry James Matthews 75, of Aurora, Colorado, transitioned peacefully on June 2, 2024. He was born on August 31, 1948 in St. Louis, MO to the late Delton M. and Marie B. Matthews. He was the fourth child of five siblings, two brothers, the late Charles Patrick, and Dalton Matthews, Jr. and two sisters, Peggy A. Cowans and Barbara A. Matthews. In 1964 his family moved from Bastrop, Louisiana to Boulder, Colorado, where he completed his high school education and graduated from Boulder High in 1966. After graduating high school, Larry joined the United States Air Force where he served two tours and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. While serving in the U.S. Air Force, SSG. Matthews initially worked and enhanced his skills as a large vehicles mechanic, then a field medic and specialized sharpshooter. As such, SSG. Matthews participated in classified missions that he would not discuss to this day. His tours took him to Alaska, Germany, North Dakota, and back home to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, CO from which he was Honorably Discharged. While stationed in Germany, Larry met and married his first wife, the late Gabriella Matthews. They had one son, Tobias Lamar Matthews, Larry's only child. After ending his tour with the Air Force, he stayed in Denver and worked at the U.S. Postal Service for several years. Larry worked in other service-related jobs, but he excelled at repairing vehicles, one of his many passions. This passion allowed him to help many people and he was known as the family and friends mechanic. Even as his health declined, you became his apprentice... you could tell him what sound your car was making or what it was doing and he could instruct you step by step how to fix your car. Helping people was part of his good nature. Larry had several passions and his zest for life was unmatched. He loved singing (he was pretty good) and dancing and truly loved fishing. When he was a young boy, his parents took him and his sisters to the lake frequently to fish. This interest never left him and followed him throughout his adult life. In 2000, while holding a karaoke night at his home, he met his loving wife, Teresa Lynn Alexander, through a mutual friend. Attracted to each other through music and dance, they have been inseparable since. On October 28, 2020, Larry and Teresa were married and later bought a home which they share with their beloved huge, Cane Corso named, Bleu. He leaves to love, cherish, and celebrate his memory, his devoted wife, Teresa Alexander Matthews; his son, Tobias Lamar Matthews; two grandchildren, Leana and Liam Matthews (Germany); two sisters, Peggy A. Cowans (Thornton) and Barbara A. Matthews (William "Bo") (Huntsville); his dog Bleu and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Delton and Marie Matthews, and his two older siblings, Charles Patrick, and Dalton Matthews, Jr.



Poem for Our Brother

*It's hard to see tomorrow when someone you love is gone
And it's harder still to realize that your life will still go on.
But life is just a stopping place with different paths along the way
and we all have different journeys since we were never meant
To stay. We all were meant to learn some things far greater than we
know and God won't give us burdens that He knows we
Cannot bear. For some the journey is quicker, for some the journey's slow
but when the journey finally ends we'll claim a great
Reward and find everlasting peace surrounded by
God's Love*

