



Robert Matkin

March 17, 1930 - August 18, 2024

Robert Matkin's story began in Waco, Texas on March 17, 1930 (St. Patrick's Day). He and brother Richard, who died in early childhood, were twins. Robert passed away on August 18, 2024, at the age of 94.

Robert grew up in Waco where he graduated from Waco High School in 1948. After graduation he began working at the William Cameron Lumber Company where he eventually became manager. It was here that he met Laura Jean Kostohryz. Robert and Laura married in 1951 in Laura's hometown of West, Texas.

Robert became a member of the National Guard at the age of eighteen. He attended Officers Candidate School in Ft. Benning, Georgia, in 1951 and eventually obtained the rank of 1st Lieutenant. Robert served a total of 8 years in the Guard.

Robert and Laura continued living in Waco and it was here where they were blessed with the birth of their first daughter Linda.

In 1956, Robert started working for National Biscuit Company (Nabisco). This job brought a move for the family to Houston, TX. While in Houston they welcomed their second daughter, Robyn.

Robert started at Nabisco as a salesman. Within a few years he was promoted to Sales Supervisor. In 1968, he was transferred to San Antonio and promoted to Account Representative. He retired in 1992 as Branch Manager with 35 years in the company.

The Matkins joined Manor Baptist Church in 1968 and Robert was ordained deacon in 1970. In 1989, Robert and Laura became two of the founders of Woodland. In fact, Laura even named Woodland of which Robert was very proud. The Matkins were part of a four generational family at Woodland and were very active as members. Robert served on the Building, Worship, and Personnel Committees.

Robert and Laura enjoyed square dancing and traveling. They also were volunteer docents at the Institute of Texan Cultures where Robert worked at the Institute's store and Laura did quilting demonstrations. The Matkins were recognized by the Institute for their many years of service. Robert enjoyed spectator sports and was a big fan of the Dallas Cowboys, San Antonio Spurs, and the Baylor Bears. And most of all he loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Robert was preceded in death by Laura, his wife of 62 years. He is survived by daughters Linda Taylor (Johnny), and Robyn Baker (Ricky); grandchildren Cameron Robert Taylor (Samantha), Caitlin Baker, Lucas Baker (Lauren), and

Davis Baker; great-grandchildren Brayden Matkin Taylor, Brielle Antonia Taylor, Markus Baker, and Maya Baker.

Robert will be greatly missed. We will always remember his big smile, his friendly handshake, the twinkle in his eyes, his generous heart, and the great love he had for his family.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 26. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Woodland Church
15315 Huebner Road
San Antonio, TX 78248

Graveside Service

AUG 26. 12:30 PM (CT)

Mission Burial Park North
20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you for all the care and kindness you showed me as a child. I always felt so special when "Grandma and Grandpa Matkin" showed up for me as my surrogate grandparents at school and on special Sundays when we got to sit with you at church. You and Laura were such a light in my young life.

Emily Delgado - August 26, 2024 at 11:06 AM

IK

“ Irene (Renie) Keller purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Matkin.



Irene (Renie) Keller - August 24, 2024 at 11:46 AM

RB

“ Robert B. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Matkin.



Robert B. - August 23, 2024 at 07:07 PM

SD

“ Sara, Leslie, Mike & Audra Dannhaus purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Matkin.



Sara, Leslie, Mike & Audra Dannhaus - August 23, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert Matkin.*



August 22, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ *Michael and Mary Sainz purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Robert Matkin.*



Michael and Mary Sainz - August 21, 2024 at 10:48 PM