



Warren Sherman "Sherm" Mathey, LTC USA Ret.

July 8, 1944 - October 28, 2016

Warren Sherman "Sherm" Mathey, LTC USA, Ret. age 72 of San Antonio went Home to be with his Lord on Friday, October 28, 2016. Dr. Mathey was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corp and subsequently stationed near Danang Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. While stationed in Vietnam he also engaged in various humanitarian efforts such as assisting in the adoption of a Vietnamese orphan by the parents of a soldier under his command. A graduate of Spring Hill College with a B.S. in Economics (Mobile Alabama), Sherm, in 1976, received his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from The Ohio State University. He received a M.S. at Texas A&M (College Station Texas) in Veterinary Radiology. In addition to being a radiologist for the US Army Veterinary Corp. working at the DOD Military Working Dog Veterinary Service at Lackland Air Force Base, Dr. Mathey was also a contract Veterinarian for Sea World. Sherm volunteered his time at numerous organizations including the Wounded Warrior Project. His passion was driving a cart full of children pulled by a team of miniature donkeys especially during parades and national holidays. It can be truly said of Sherm that he made a friend of whomever he met.

He is survived by his wife, Mary DaLee Mathey; his 3 sons, Darren (Braden), Kevin (Julie) and Ian; 3 grandchildren, Luke, Evan and Cybil; his brother, Stanley Andrew "Drew" Mathey; his sister, Maureen "Sue" Bard (Martin); brothers-in-law, George and Jerry Ramsey (Laura); 3 nieces; and 1 nephew.

SERVICES

Visitation will be from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. The Graveside Service with Full Military Honors will be at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road. The Memorial Service will follow at 11:30 A.M. at Wayside Chapel, 1705 NW Loop 410. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Christian Veterinary Mission or the Salvation Army.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Graveside Service

NOV 3. 9:30 AM (CT)

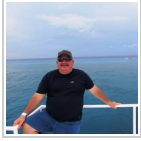
Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Memorial Service

NOV 3. 11:30 AM (CT)

Wayside Chapel
1705 NW Loop 410
San Antonio, TX

Tribute Wall



“ 3 files added to the album *Military Working Dog Memorial, May, 2016*



Glenn Kilburn - January 14, 2017 at 09:34 AM

JK

“ *I had the honor of serving with (MAJ Mathey) at the 1986-1991 at DOD Dog Center as a PVT - SGT. He was a great veterinarian, leader, and mentor. He loved to run. Especially when he heard the Marines running. I quickly learned never to think out loud while running with him. "I wonder where that trail leads", I found out all right, in a leg burning running type of way.*

Our condolences to his family.

SFC Joseph and Bernadette Kallhoff

joseph kallhoff - November 22, 2016 at 02:14 PM

JB

“ Doc Mathey was a kind, honorable man. One of a small handful that I truly respected. I was blessed to be friends with him during my time at Lackland Air Force Base while assigned to the 341 Training Squadron (the "dog" squadron). He made every European buy trip a blast with his humor. While working at the Logistics section I'd walk over to the veterinary clinic just to chat with Doc. He will be truly missed. Prayers and condolences to his family and friends. Rest in peace Doc!

Joel Burton - November 03, 2016 at 06:46 PM

BW

“ Great man, wonderful friend and one of a kind. As a former high school classmate, I think I can speak for all of the Orrville High School Class of 62 that Sherm will be dearly missed. We wish only the best for his wife DaLee and family and know that he may be gone, but never forgotten. Rest in Peace. Bob Weltlich


Bob Weltlich - November 03, 2016 at 09:03 AM

VG

“ DaLee, I am so very sorry for your loss and my deepest condolences to you and your family. Sherm was such a wonderful man- I have the best memories of working together with him at Sea World and meeting up again later in life for trail rides with friends! He will be missed by so many lives he has touched. Rest In Peace my friend Sherm
Valerie Girard



Valerie Girard - November 02, 2016 at 10:48 PM

 Helena
Ryu

“ *Dr. Mathey was a great man.
He was there for me, like a father figure, during the stressful time,
when I was planning my wedding. I paid him back.
I was lucky enough, as a civilian, to work alongside with Dr. Mathey.
I remember there was a puppy named after him.
He was a funny man. He will be greatly missed.*

Helena Ryu - November 02, 2016 at 08:48 PM

JM

*Sorry for your loss he will be missed greatly. Had many great time on
trail rides and parties. He was a great person to work with and go tdy
with a lot of memories in those good times. We love ya all much. Our
prayers are with you always. 🙏*

Jerry and Linda Marriott - November 03, 2016 at 10:04 AM

SL

“ One of the single greatest privileges of my life was getting to work with and befriend Doc Mathey. He was truly one of the most selfless, gracious, generous, and caring people I’ve ever known. In the two years we worked together at the Dog Center, he exerted a positive influence on me and my family that will last eternally. On our first Christmas in San Antonio in 2003, aware we were missing family, he took us to Sea World on Christmas day. He lit up when we got to enter the penguin enclosure and “play in the snow.” A few years later in Europe, I met a military veterinarian who had traveled to the US just once. I asked him where he went, and his eyes lit up as he said “I went to Texas, and I met the most amazing man!” I immediately knew he must be talking about Sherm, and indeed he was. Some other things I’ll never forget about Dr. Mathey: his respect and admiration for dairy farmers (and how our friendship began when he learned I grew up on a farm); his excitement at meeting our family at our wedding; his patience and skill at the ultrasound machine; and mostly, his ability to see the very best in everyone. We should all strive to see one another – and treat one another – the way he did. With sincere sympathy, Shannon & Shannon Lacy

Shannon Lacy - November 02, 2016 at 08:05 PM

KS

“ Uncle Sherm always made me feel like part of the family, not just a “step-niece”. I love you all and have so many happy memories of fun times in Florida and when you’d come visit at “the house on the hill.” Heaven sure got a good one, my heart is with you.

Katie S. - November 02, 2016 at 03:33 PM

GS

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Gary Stamp - November 02, 2016 at 03:08 PM

GS

“ *Sherm and I were friends since the fall of 1982 when he was assigned to the Military Dog Veterinary Service at Lackland AFB, Texas. We immediately bonded and became best friends,,, which lasted 35 years. As everyone has mentioned, he was the most gentle, caring compassionate person i ever knew; a person who made those around him feel special. We were colleagues devoted to the MWD program and his contribution was unsurpassed. One of the most talented veterinarians i have ever known; one who knew how to apply his skill and compassion to maximum benefit for patients, handlers, owners, associates. Doc Mathey was certainly beloved by all came to know him. He was my hero. The world would be a much better place if there were more like him.*

"Gary U.S."

Gary Stamp - November 02, 2016 at 02:57 PM

BM

“ DaLee, Darrin, Kevin and Ian, Sue and Drew -
My very sincere condolences to you all with
the passing of Sherm. The Lord has declared
that he has completed his earthly assignment,
and he has been upgraded to Guard at the
Gates where we know he will greet us again one day.

What good times we all spent on those occasions when the family
was a unit & enjoyment abounded. Such an unassuming, gentle
man with so much wisdom & knowledge acquired over his time
here. God gave him special gifts and he used them wisely. I will
think of him and all of you often - all the while, smiling. Love, Bev
Mathey



Bev Mathey - November 02, 2016 at 02:20 PM

BL

“ DaLee

Amy and I were so sad to here that Sherm passed away. I really
enjoyed the times we spent together at Sea World. He was a good
man and a great friend and he will be missed. Our thoughts and
prayers will be with you and the boys.

Love and God Bless
Bruce Amy Lange

Bruce Lange - November 02, 2016 at 07:26 AM

JC

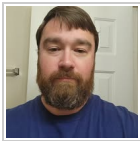
“ Many wonderful memories from MWD buy trips to hanging out
behind the scenes with the family at Sea-World... and who can
forget Assfest! Sir, I hope your donkey farm was ready for you on
the other side, you will be greatly missed!

Jess Carr - November 01, 2016 at 08:48 PM

GL

“ Dr. "Sherm" Mathey has always been a huge fan of AFAST, TFAST and Vet BLUE and helped assist with our FASTVet labs until he had a tragic accident a few years ago, which he miraculously survived. I regret not taking a picture last December when he showed up at our FASTVet Course, dapper as ever. Dr Mathey always took time to teach me ultrasound during my residency training, and read and critiqued our entire textbook prior to its final submission. Here is the reply from Sherm on the AFAST Chapter that I absolutely love and is vintage Sherm: "WOW! I feel like I just read the New Testament after 40 years in the desert. Very good a little wordy once in awhile but I would not change a thing. I think about the DVM radiologist that do not look forward of the diaphragm. Really good." The Lord called you home a little too early, however, while you were here, you made a huge difference in many of our lives. Our prayers are with the Mathey Family. Love, The Lisciandro - Greg, Stephanie, Noah, Hannah, Sarah and Josh

Greg Lisciandro - November 01, 2016 at 08:31 PM



“ Doc Mathey was a role model for all of us techs and soldiers. He had the heart of a saint. He treated us like people and cared for us all. He was there the day I took my wife to the hospital to give birth. He was like my grandfather.



Peter Smith - November 01, 2016 at 08:03 PM

DL

“ *David and Julie Locke purchased the Health Nut Basket for the family of Warren Sherman "Sherm" Mathey, LTC USA Ret..*



David and Julie Locke - November 01, 2016 at 04:33 PM

EV

“ *Doc was so wonderful with everyone. I'll never forget his greeting from him always starting by saying " hey good looking". I will never forget him. Working with him was a pleasure. He made everyone feel relaxed. He will surely be miss. Till we meet again, your friend, Elsa Vielmann*

Elsa Vielmann - November 01, 2016 at 01:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Warren Sherman "Sherm" Mathey, LTC USA Ret..*



November 01, 2016 at 11:13 AM

PF

“ Doc was a one of a kind. With a heart as big as "Major Malfunction". When I first met him at K9 school, he make me feel like family. A cowgirl from California that had to leave her horses. Doc filled that void and let me ride his horses, and even taught me how to "Gee-Haw". Doc came to California in February of 2000 for the War Dog Dedication at March Field AFB. He and his son were in full uniform. He invited me to walk with them to honor to pay our respects to those wonderful heroes. He loved Family, God and Country. There are so many "Doc" stories that will remain with me forever and he will be in my heart always. I hope these words comfort his soul mate, DaLee and his sons.



"It's not the end of the trail for me; I've just traveled on, you see, up ahead where greener pastures grow and cool water streams dance as they flow. Flowers in bloom of every sort and kind, colors more vivid than any I left behind, family and friends I haven't seen in years, hug and handshakes and no more tears. They've welcomed me home here today a place of peace for me to stay, they say it's my home for eternity; No, it's not the end of the trail for me." With Sincere Sympathy, Patty Fuller

Patty Fuller - November 01, 2016 at 10:42 AM

RS

“ Sherm was such a kind, gentle, and caring friend. When our beloved lab was too far gone to save, Sherm came to our house. There on Choco's favorite blanket surrounded by her favorite toys and lots of pheasant feathers, Sherm put her gently to sleep. Who does that? He did so much for so many, and we are going to miss him so much. He and DeLee had 3 wonderful boys who were and are good friends of our son. Just a great family and great friends - so sorry for your loss.

*With lots of love,
Richard, Kathy, and Eric Shipley*

Richard Shipley - November 01, 2016 at 10:03 AM

ST

“ I met Doc Mathey at the Veterinary Center and struck an immediate friendship. Our shared passion for driving teams and our discovered mutual friends from the Marine Mammal community, gave us plenty of conversation. A great man who always made my day. He will be sorely missed”

*Scott Thomas
TSA Canine Training Center*

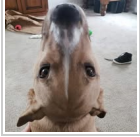
Scott Thomas - November 01, 2016 at 08:28 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Warren Sherman "Sherm" Mathey, LTC USA Ret..



November 01, 2016 at 08:20 AM



“ I met Sherm while working at SeaWorld. He always made sure to say "hi" and stop and chat whenever he was nearby. When he asked how you were doing, he really wanted to know the answer and learn more about you. One day my parents came to visit the park and Sherm was walking by. He was so excited to meet my parents just like he was part of the family. Sherm was truly one of a kind and will be dearly missed. Heaven gained a VIP.

Michele Lee-Blakeney

Michele Lee-Blakeney - October 31, 2016 at 04:42 PM



“ Sherm is our brother-in-arms, co-worker, mentor and friend - a truly great friend and an inspiration. Love you Buddy!

Larry Carpenter & the Dog Center Crew



Larry Carpenter - October 31, 2016 at 03:15 PM



“ Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Warren Sherman "Sherm" Mathey, LTC USA Ret..



October 31, 2016 at 02:18 PM

LJ

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a kind man and a respected colleague.*

Lauri Jehl, DVM

Lauri Jehl - October 31, 2016 at 12:31 PM



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Monica Wheelus - October 31, 2016 at 10:36 AM

BS

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Barbara Stadts - October 31, 2016 at 09:56 AM

BS

Doc was so proud to find out Anthony was a Marine and couldn't wait till he was home to take him to dinner - Asia Kitchen. Look at the layers of clothing!!!!

Barbara Stadts - October 31, 2016 at 09:58 AM



“ He was an awesome vet and the nicest person one could have ever met. Many a day I spent holding a pregnant dog at the 341st vet clinic, while he showed me where all the puppies were hiding. He was genuinely interested in the lives of others, and always had words of wisdom for me. We shared stories about horses and his beloved mules. He said he'd take a mule over a horse any day...:-) He was patient, kind, and tried to see the best in everyone. Prayers to his family and friends. I know he'll be greatly missed by all who knew or were touched by his kindness. Take comfort in knowing he will be watching from above and guiding everyone with the knowledge and experience he has shared throughout his life and career. Good bye Sherm, from an Airman who thought you were the epitome of a great Veterinarian, man, and officer.

Dawn Wamsley - October 31, 2016 at 06:37 AM



“ I first met Doc in the early 80's and was rewarded with the friendship of a true mentor... Doc always had words of wisdom that made everyone around him a better person... From the morning greetings as he walked around the canine training areas to the celebrations he held affectionately known as Ass Fest... The Lord called home a good one... Hurts deeply to say Good-Bye, but Doc would rather us celebrate his life, than to morn his passing... Till next time Doc, till next time...

Steve Joyce - October 30, 2016 at 10:53 AM



“ Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Warren Sherman "Sherm" Mathey, LTC USA Ret..



October 30, 2016 at 10:21 AM

GL

“ *My sincere condolences go out to DaLee and family. I'm glad to have known him. At one time he was my boss, but always a friend. When I got to serious about something he would always say "Don't be so german".*

He had nicknamed a lot of co-workers, I was his Fräulein. I'm fortunate to have such beautiful memoies. I will cherish them always. Your are now in a better place.

*Auf Wiedersehen,
Gabi*

Gabi Long - October 30, 2016 at 09:28 AM

LG

“ *Dear Family and Friends,
When LTC Mathey and I were in charge of the Ft Hood Branch, I could count on him to be at the 1st Cav stables or driving the mule team through Ft Hood! His favorite place on Ft Hood! He was definitely one of a kind! I am glad that I knew him. In Christ, Lori Greco*



Lori Greco - October 29, 2016 at 10:32 PM

BS

“ *So glad to be able to say my life was better because Doc was part of it. Never forget going to the nineteen hole with the troll queens. God welcome him to your kingdom and wrap his family with your love. Barbara (Belgium blue)*

Barbara Stadtsbdszack@yahoo.com - October 29, 2016 at 09:16 PM

IF

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Ilan Frank - October 29, 2016 at 06:54 PM