



Willard Irven Matheny

December 20, 1933 - May 9, 2025

Willard Irven Matheny was born in San Antonio, Texas to parents Willard Matheny and Ethel Anne Castle on December 20th, 1933. After attending school at Edgewood ISD, he worked as a maintenance technician for Deckers, holding this role for 40 years. He married his lifelong love, Merice "Mary" Matheny, and together they had 5 children whom they cherished dearly in their 32 years of marriage. Willard is remembered for his green thumb, his fondness for the outdoors, and love of camping. He is also remembered for his skills as a welder and horseback rider. Willard and his other children would often join his son Ron in the pit at drag races around San Antonio, a fond memory for them all.

Willard is survived by his children Barbara (husband Gaines) Kirkus, Cindy Matheny, Ron (wife Beverly) Matheny, and Sandra (husband Dwight) Kaczmar, his sister, Dorothy Hacker, and many beloved grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Willard is preceded in death by his wife Merice "Mary" Matheny, brothers Herbie Matheny and Robert Matheny, and daughter Virginia "Ginny" Newman.

An evening visitation will be held Friday, May 16th, 2025 from 5pm – 8pm. A funeral service will be held Saturday, May 17th, 2025, at 10am with interment to follow at Mission Park Funeral Chapels, 1700 SE Military Dr, San Antonio, TX, 78214

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Interment

MAY 17 (CT)

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Following funeral service

Tribute Wall

SG

“ He is Cindy's Daddy to me. I loved him just like my Dad. I knew I was part of the family when I got cookies at Christmas. He will always be in my heart. ❤️

Stella Graham - May 17, 2025 at 12:20 AM

BM

“ Beverly Matheny lit a candle in memory of Willard Irvan Matheny



Beverly Matheny - May 16, 2025 at 12:28 PM

SK

“ Candle from Joanna to show love



Sandra Kaczmar - May 16, 2025 at 11:20 AM

SK

“Daddy, I will miss you so much. I always enjoyed are family camping trips at the lake. My favorite was when we would go to the races. You would even take me to the races when I was on crutches. I will miss new gardening tips from you. It has been really hard on me watching you take your last breath. But I know you're in a better place, and you had a lot of loved ones welcoming you home. From Sandra K



Sandra Kaczmar - May 16, 2025 at 11:19 AM

JM

“I met Grandpa Will through my daughter's husband, Cy, Grandpa Will's grandson. I loved Grandpa Will's smile and friendliness. It doesn't matter what was going on, good or bad, he ALWAYS had that beautiful smile. He talked to us as if he knew us forever. He was smart, talented and helpful. I'm so glad our grandsons, Caden and Cole, had such an awesome great Grandpa. He will be missed but he left behind a beautiful legacy. To Ronnie, Cindy, Barbara and Sandra, you had one special kind of Dad. Bev, Bly and Cy, you were as blessed to have had him in your lives. Til we see you again, "Grandpa Will"❤️



JOSIE and RUBEN MEDELLIN - May 16, 2025 at 09:11 AM

BK

“Barbara Kirkus lit a candle in memory of Willard Irvn Matheny



Barbara Kirkus - May 15, 2025 at 01:58 PM

CM

“Daddy I love you ❤️ so much and miss you. I know you are not hurting anyone. You are with God and mama, ginny and everyone else that went before you.



Cindy Matheny - May 14, 2025 at 01:02 PM

BK

Daddy, I love you so very, very much. You are my hero, my rock. The Lord Blessed me with the most perfect man on the planet as my father. You are the wisest person I know. There is no way that I could ever repay you for all the love and kindness you have shown me during my lifetime. You will be missed so much, but It won't be long before we all join you and mom, grandma and Ginny in Heaven. See you soon.

Barbara Kirkus - May 15, 2025 at 01:59 PM

SK

For grandpa, as a Kaczmar of course I grew up near him. My mom 'Sandra' would take me over to his house to help garden or just visit in general. He was really funny to me and always made jokes here and there. When I heard that grandpa wasn't doing too well, I felt horrible. I prayed for him that night and everyone else. It was tough for everyone including my aunt Cindy, my mom 'Sandra', aunt Barbra and Uncle Ronnie. Sometimes there would be calls to watch grandpa or that he fell and I always tried to come with just to help if I can. I will miss him now that he's gone and I feel sad that I couldn't say goodbye, but he's in heaven with the best people and aunt Ginny so that is better than being in pain. Love you grandpa and I hope you are happy up there.
From Joanna Kaczmar

Sandra Kaczmar - May 16, 2025 at 11:06 AM