



MATTHEW J. RUGEL

November 29, 1934 - July 29, 2020

MATTHEW J. RUGEL

MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN MATTHEW'S NAME TO:
ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL
501 ST. JUDE PLACE
MEMPHIS, TN 38105-9959

VISITATION:

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020

3PM TO 7PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

FUNERAL MASS:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020

9:30AM

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE RC CHURCH

5635 BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD

OAK RIDGE, NJ 07438

INTERMENT:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020

FOLLOWING FUNERAL MASS

CALVARY CEMETERY
McLEAN BLVD.
PATERSON, NJ

Matthew J. Rugel, 85 years of age, of Oak Ridge, NJ., passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2020.

Born on November 29, 1934 in Passaic, NJ to the late Barbara (nee Gangler) and Mathias Rugel.

Matthew proudly served in the US Navy from 1955 to 1960.

Matthew married Rita Baksa in 1957 and resided in Clifton, NJ where they started their family. They later moved to Butler, NJ and have since resided in Oak Ridge until his passing.

Matthew was a chemical Operator for Givadaun in Clifton, NJ retiring in 1995.

Before moving to Oak Ridge, NJ Matthew was a parishioner of St. Anthony's Church in Butler, NJ where he served as a Eucharistic Minister. Once in Oak Ridge, NJ he became a devoted parishioner of St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church in Oak Ridge, NJ.

For more than 40 years he was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Matthew was active with the Butler XYZ and with the Milton Golden Age Club.

He will best be remembered for his kindness and his love of family, not to mention his incredible organizational skills. He was a great man who touched many lives.

Matthew was predeceased by his dear brother Rev. Msgr. James Rugel in

2004 and his brother-in-law Victor Baksa in 1999.

He is survived by his beloved wife Rita, his loving children Donna Coco and her husband John of Wantage, NJ., Maryann McLaughlin and her husband Bill of Hewitt, NJ., Rita Marzocca and her husband John of Oak Ridge, NJ., Matthew P. Rugel and his wife Maryann of Wayne, NJ., Barbara Rodney and her husband Joe of Sparta, NJ., Paul J. Rugel of Oak Ridge, NJ., and Pat LaPenter and her husband Tom of Vernon, NJ., his cherished grandchildren Melissa and her husband Matt Kida, Christine Coco; Bill and Kellie McLaughlin; Alexa and John Marzocca; Matt and Marisa Rugel; Mike and Jon Rodney; Paul M. Rugel; and Tom LaPenter; his adored great granddaughter Mackenzie Kida; his brother-in-law Richard Baksa and his wife Christine of Clifton, NJ; his sister-in-law Joanne Baksa of Morristown, NJ; as well as several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, July 31, 2020 from 3pm to 7pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435.

A funeral mass will take place on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 9:30am at St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438 followed by the interment at Calvary Cemetery in Paterson, NJ.

Log onto www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as driving directions to the funeral home, church, and cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home
187 La Rue Road
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)
Newfoundland, NJ 07435
(973) 697-6700
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

AUG 1. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church
5635 Berkshire Valley Road
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
(973) 208-0090

Interment

AUG 1. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Cemetery and Mausoleum
McClellan Avenue
Paterson, NJ

Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Brother Knight Matt rest in God's peace. To the family my condolences.*
Joe Ozoniak

Joseph Ozoniak - October 29, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ *Condolences to Aunt Rita & the Rugel Family. Uncle Matt you will be missed dearly thank you so much for always looking after mom, dad & myself.*



R.I.P Uncle Matt Love You! Give my parents a Big Hug & Kiss for me!

Thank You For Your Service!

Walter Endlicher - August 14, 2020 at 07:19 PM

SK

“ *Sir Matt was a very nice person who was there for me and others. He will truly be missed a whole lot.*

Sir Matt Kroessig - August 04, 2020 at 11:17 PM

AA

“ *Our deepest condolences on the loss of Matt. He was a very special person and will be missed. We have missed paying our 4th Degree dues to him and getting a little note back in return.*

Walter & Lexie Allard

Alexis Allard - August 01, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of MATTHEW J. RUGEL.



August 01, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ Rita and the entire family -- I will miss Matt -- his friendship was special -- I'm honored to have been his friend. Love to all of you Dottie

Dorothy J DeBlock - August 01, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ What a great man who created an outstanding family. Rest in peace. You will live in our hearts forever. Our heartfelt thoughts are with you all.
Eddie and Barb Parella

barb and ed parella - August 01, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ Uncle Matt will be surely missed. Condolences from the Dobies family: Bob, Teri, Alicia and, John, and Jeremy.

Theresa Dobies - July 31, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of MATTHEW J. RUGEL.



July 31, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of MATTHEW J. RUGEL.



July 31, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



MaryAnn McLaughlin - July 31, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of MATTHEW J. RUGEL.



July 31, 2020 at 11:00 AM

MF

“ *Man & Candy (and the Nisivoccia family) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of MATTHEW J. RUGEL.*



Man & Candy (and the Nisivoccia family) - July 31, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of MATTHEW J. RUGEL.*



July 31, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of MATTHEW J. RUGEL.*



July 31, 2020 at 09:18 AM

LC

“ *Deepest sympathies to Fits and family. Love Luck and Bill Curtin*

Luci Curtin - July 31, 2020 at 08:55 AM

TB

“ we had a lot of fun on our trips and I will miss you at bingo RIP Matt and my prayers to Rita and your family
Terry Boonstra

Theresa M Boonstra - July 31, 2020 at 08:42 AM

RH

Will be missed by many who knew and loved him. He was a kind, caring man and friend. Deepest sympathy to Rita and his family

Rhoda Haeberle - July 31, 2020 at 11:31 AM

DF

DEAR RITA & FAMILY, OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO OUR GOOD NEIGHBORS AT MADISON AVE

DUNITZ FAMILY - August 02, 2020 at 12:45 PM

MM

Matthew was one the kindness guys I ever had the pleasure to be friends with. He had a heart of gold and helped as many fellow seniors as he could during the pandemic with phone calls and encouragement. A family man and a very proud US Navy veteran. He is deeply missed by all whom were blessed to know him.

michael moritz - May 20, 2023 at 12:53 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of MATTHEW J. RUGEL.



July 31, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of MATTHEW J. RUGEL.*



July 30, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *He was a great guy and all ways there for me and others*

Sir Matt Kroessig - July 30, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ *We are heart broken over the news, Matt was a very caring man and we enjoyed his company at the Senior meetings and bingo. Our sincerest sympathy to Rita and his family. Rest in Peace Matt and know you will be missed.. John and Ruth Nehrings*

Ruth Nehrings - July 30, 2020 at 04:56 PM