

ELIJAH 'TOMMY' MATHIS, JR.



Elijah Thomas 'Tommy' Mathis, Jr., 88, of Hilliard, passed away on September 4, 2020. Tommy was born in Mitchell, Georgia, on August 1, 1932 to the late Elijah Thomas Mathis and Martha Susan Raley. As a young man, Tommy joined the United States Air Force in 1952



and proudly served his country during the Korean War. After being discharged, his passion for the skies lead him to a longtime career as an Air Traffic Controller with the Federal Aviation Administration, where he worked until his retirement in 1988. On September 27, 1958, Tommy married the love of his life, Patricia Ann Gentry. Outside of work, Tommy loved to hunt, fish and fly, and he was a member of Rivers Edge Church. Missions were dear to his heart, whether traveling to South Africa or volunteering at a local food ministry. Most of all, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, who loved spending time with his family. He will be dearly missed.

Tommy is preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Lamar Mathis and Harry Mathis; and his sister Ruby Davis.

Tommy is survived by his wife, Pat; his sons Darrel (Mary Kay) Mathis of Lake City and Larry (Kandy) Mathis of Decatur, Alabama; his daughter Kim (Tony) Clemons of Smyrna, TN; his brother Roy (Jane) Mathis; his sister Daisy (JL) Chalker; his grandchildren Stephanie, Katherine, Danielle, Matthew, Chance and Zak Mathis, Alex (Jordan) and Evan Clemons; and his great-grandson Clayton Clemons.

A Celebration of Tommy's Life was held Wednesday, September 9 at The First Alliance Church, Hilliard, with Pastor Gerald Wollitz officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Interment followed at Oakwood Cemetery, Hilliard.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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