



## Raymond. M. Matula

December 20, 1934 - June 24, 2017

Raymond M. Matula, 82, of Lebanon (Cornwall), passed away on Saturday, June 24, 2017 at the Lebanon Wellspan Good Samaritan Hospital. He was the husband of Patricia Kreiser Matula with whom he celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary in May. Ray was born in Lebanon on December 20, 1934, son of Raymond and Pauline Sorcsek Matula.

Raymond was a 1952 graduate of Lebanon High School. He was a printer working in several printing companies, retiring as a supervisor. He loved music and was an awesome upright bass player, playing professionally. In addition to his wife, Pat, Ray is survived by children Pam, wife of Dave Keim of Lebanon, Sharon, wife of Paul Zechman of Lebanon, Debbie, wife of Tom Jackson of Lebanon, Steve Matula of Lititz, Elizabeth, wife of Bob Werth of Lebanon, Anthony Matula of Lebanon, several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son Joseph Matula and sisters Colleen Edris and Joan Blauch.

Private family services will be held. In lieu of flowers memorial contribution in Ray's memory may be made to Central PA Friends of Jazz, 5721 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112 or the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond. M. Matula*

October 22, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ *Raymond. M. Matula*

October 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *Raymond. M. Matula*

October 05, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ *Uncle Pook the gold wing motorcycle man, came to the farm one afternoon to check my new to me Harley Davidson Electric Glide with him he brought a newspaper comic, with a big smile, handed it to me. It was a picture of a Harley leaking oil on the floor with a caption that read naughty naughty Harley. He was so right!! Together we had a great ride that afternoon. Mr. Gold Wing will be missed.*

**Jay Blauch - Myerstown, PA - Family** - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Pook was our family historian- cameras always ready for every possible shot! So many memories, so many good times at the "farm". Thanks for your humor, the memories and your love. God bless to our family.*

**Joan-Marie Norman - Lebanon, PA - Family** - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Uncle Ray had a huge impact on a lot of people with his infectious positive attitude and his corny jokes. He would be smiling and laughing even before he finished one. I'm sitting here laughing to myself just thinking of him. One time he kept a straight face and it became a punch line for our family for the ages. First day of small game season 1970ish. Always anticipated Pooks arrival with new pictures from the past summer, a new gadget, and Aunt Pat's pumpkin pies. Always had a new corny joke and off pheasant hunting. We are 5 abreast in a large field, dog runs out about 40 yards and flushes a roster in front of my dad. He shoots one shot (look of dejection on his face), the roster continues flying about 150 yards and drops out of the air dead. Pook looks over at my dad and said you missed him Jim, he died of a heart attack

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**Joe Blauch - fredericksburg, PA** - June 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I will miss Ray and his acute sense of humor. We played together in several bands and he never failed to make our rhythm section solid. His stories, pictures and jokes were a refreshing break from any serious matters or boring tunes. He was generous and thoughtful. He will be missed. Dave Pauli

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**David Pauli - Palmyra, PA - Friend** - June 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I enjoyed friendship and musicianship with Ray for about 35 years; reliable man who knew his craft as a jazz and commercial upright and electric bass player; he taught me a lot and helped make many groups successful; photography was another talent and he shared his pictures with everyone It was an honor to have Ray as my friend.

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**Lee Moyer - Lebanon, PA** - June 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Ray, a great friend, wonderful musician, always helpful, fun to be with. When working with other perceptive musicians, Ray had the great talent to "become the music" and lay the foundation to create the musical tapestry. He will always be remembered by all of us who knew him. My condolences to his family.

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**Jonny Leffler - Lebanon, PA - Friend** - June 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Thanks for the lessons in music, the deep groove, your twisted sense of humor, your talent as a shutterbug, and most of all thanks for your friendship. You will be sorely missed. Dave Young

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**Dave Young - Holtwood, PA - Friend** - June 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ In reading these posts I really got a chuckle out of the hunting one with confetti shell. This was Ray Pool Matula. I started working as a helper at Sowers and Ray was a press man needless to say NEVER a dull moment. Always a smile and a prank. Ray never shied from trying something new and his music was everything. Rest in Peace Pook, Dennis Wentling

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**dennis wentling - lebanon, PA - Friend** - June 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My fondest memories go way back to when the whole clan would gather in my parents "playroom" in the basement for the Christmas Eve gatherings. Pook was the official film man, and everybody seemed so happy they could just bust at the seams! One year we opened the basement doors to a gentle snow covering everything pure white, Not so much to make it treacherous driving home. Just a few inches for a White Christmas. That was the year Joe went and changed into his Santa outfit and tried his best to convince me he was Santa, but I was just a tad too old by that time. Can't remember anymore if it was Sharon or Debbie I had a big crush on the one year. Maybe both. Great girls. Odd that I was just thinking about him a few days ago! Perhaps the same day he passed. Was thinking about trying to get the whole surviving gang together for one more big gathering somewhere we could all fit. Well sorry to learn that won't happen anytime soon, and uncle Pook won't be able to make it except in His ever present bigger than life spirit. Pray you all find peace, Aunt Pat, Pam, Debbie, Sharon, Steve, Beth and Tony, and any others that have become part of his big family and his friends. Johnny.

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**John Edris - Lebanon, PA** - June 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Ray was a beloved cousin of my mother, Bernadine Matula, Hermansky. During our son, Joe's early years as a jazz drummer, he had the pleasure of playing with Ray several times. It was always a pleasure seeing Ray play. To Pat and family, we send you our heartfelt sympathy. Bernie, Fred & Joe Shattls

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**Bernadine Shattls - Lebanon, PA - Family** - June 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM