



## James Edward Mathews

April 8, 1930 - August 24, 2016

James Edward "Cricket" Mathews died at age 86 from congestive heart failure at his home in Crystal Springs with family and departed to his permanent home with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Visitation will be 12pm-2pm Friday at First Presbyterian Church in Crystal Springs. Services will be 2pm Friday at First Presbyterian Church with burial at Crystal Springs Cemetery. Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs is handling arrangements.

He was born in Crystal Springs and graduated from high school in 1949, attended Ole Miss and served 2 years in the U. S. Air Force in Germany. He earned his B.S. degree in geology at Mississippi Southern where he met and married his wife, Martha Green in 1955.

After Graduating in 1957, he went to work for Dresser Magcobar, an offshore drilling company. A childhood dream came true when they trained him to fly seaplanes to check drilling rigs in the Louisiana marsh and the gulf. After logging more than 6000 hours of flight time as a flying mud engineer, he became an engineer manager. With this job he coordinated the efforts of 290 people operating out of 14 locations from his office in Houma. It took 2 offshore boats, 40 barges, 5 inland tug boats and 52 18 wheelers to distribute Magcobar products in the southeastern area of the U.S.

He returned to Crystal Springs in 1985, became active in the First

Presbyterian Church, serving as a deacon, elder and chairman of the missions committee for a number of years. Among his hobbies were leather crafting, clock and watch repair and greenhouse gardening. He was dearly devoted to his children and to his wife, Martha for 61 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Dennis Mathews and Nellie Joiner Mathews and a brother, Rob Mathews.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; son, Michael Dennis Mathews; daughter, Lisa Oubre and husband Louis; grandchildren, Parker James Oubre and Emma Catherine Oubre; sister-in-law, Gennelle Mathews; nephew, Dan and wife Gail; nieces, Andrea Parsons and husband Bert and Sharon Mathews; great nephews, Twins, Jordan and Matthew Ivie, Robbie Mathews and Owen Parsons; great nieces, Shannon and Allison Mathews and Mackyna Parsons.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Missions, 318 East Marion Ave., Crystal Springs, MS 39059.

# Tribute Wall



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