



## Donald Alexander Mathe

September 5, 1929 - January 26, 2023

On Thursday, January 26, 2023, Donald A. Mathe, 93, passed away peacefully in his sleep. Don was born in Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania to Joseph and Julia Mathe.

Don's first job was destined to be his last. He went to work for Pennsylvania Bell and worked there until his retirement. During his tenure with PB, as he was working in the field, he ran across a switchboard operator with auburn curls and stunning blue eyes. It has long been a bone of contention who made the first move, but became a whirlwind romance ending in a marriage on April 26, 1952. They had two children, Brad and Cheryl.

In 1973, Don and the family moved to Spring, Texas, bringing him closer to his much loved sister Joan and her husband, and Don's co-conspirator, Lou. Don and Lois would live there for 50 years before their passing.

Don and his father were both Masons and Don still had on his original ring when he passed. He was in the Air Force for four years, including one during the end of the Korean conflict although he was fortunate enough to remain stateside. Don was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. Don was renowned as a master woodworker, a fixer of all things broken, fisherman, photographer and story-teller supreme. His most famous (infamous) title, however, should have been mad scientist and pyromaniac. He was constantly inventing electrical gizmos, most of which were made for entertaining kids.

Blend in the fact that Don was also terribly accident-prone and he was almost on a first-name basis at the ER.

It is with equally heavy hearts, that we also recognize the passing of Lois June Mathe, 90, on December 5, 2021. The delay in the announcement is due to the pandemic.

Lois was born on November 14, 1931, in East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Fasly and had two siblings, Alda and Raymond. In addition to the previously mentioned auburn hair and stunning blue eyes, she had a charming smile and infectious laugh. She was kind and compassionate and was up for anything fun, even silly. Lois was a talented artist which included painting, and drawing as well as decorating and firing pottery. When she didn't have a paintbrush in hand, Lois could be found crocheting, sewing, reading, gardening and cooking. Known as an incredible chef, her Hungarian dishes were legend. Her most celebrated creation was her walnut torte, topped with whipped cream and strawberries, Don's birthday favorite.

Don and Lois loved animals and Lois would think us remiss if special mention weren't made of her late poodle Suzie. After Suzie, Lois could never own another dog but kept busy sneaking table scraps to everyone else's dogs thinking no one would know.

Don and Lois shared an iconic love, worthy of screen plays, but not normally of this earth. It is difficult to imagine a more perfect representation of what marriage should be. Their legacy and commitment to family is epic, and an example to us all.

After 69 years of marriage, Don and Lois will be forever reunited in death as they were in life

# Previous Events

## Receiving of Family and Friends

FEB 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Addison Funeral Home  
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## Memorial Service

FEB 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Regina Daniel lit a candle in memory of Donald Alexander Mathe* ”



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**Regina Daniel** - February 16, 2023 at 01:19 PM