



Mathew Liptoi

December 13, 1930 - November 10, 2020

Mathew Liptoi passed away peacefully on November 10, 2020 at 89 years old at Highland Springs Senior Living Community in Dallas, TX.

Born on December 13, 1930 in Gyoma, Hungary, Mathew's given name was Liptai Matyas after his father, which was in accordance with Hungarian tradition. Once he arrived in America and became a United States Citizen, he changed his name to Mathew Liptoi because he thought it sounded more "American".

Mathew spent his early life in Bekescsaba, Hungary on a large property with a fruit orchard, and summers on a family friend's farm. His early teenage years were spent living in Germany occupied Hungary and on September 22, 1944, Bekescsaba was bombed by the advancing Russian forces and his family fled their home that very evening. They spent the next several months living in different places, including Viechtenstein, Germany, where they stayed in an old castle which was being used to temporarily house displaced persons. After WWII ended, he spent three years in Displaced Persons Camps in both Astet, France and Lexenfeldt, Germany. During this time, he worked as a laborer with his father building the Autobahn just outside of Salzburg. On November 6, 1949, they immigrated to the United States. These early life experiences had a lasting impact on Mathew's appreciation for all the simple things in life, including a penchant for dancing Polkas and Waltzes and a desire to fix or repair anything to extend its useful life or perhaps past its useful life!

Mathew was a veteran of the Marines, serving during the Korean War, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. His next life step was graduating from the University of Oklahoma City where he was recruited by Western Electric Co. and moved to Maine. For WEC he worked on the Semi-Automatic Ground Environment (SAGE) system in support of US air defense systems. It was during this time that he met and married Hazel J. (Riley) Jones on March 1, 1959. Their marriage lasted more than sixty years until Hazel's passing in February of this year.

After the company moved them to Montgomery, Alabama, Mathew and Hazel formed many life-long friendships with colleagues and families, and also welcomed their daughter Christine and son Stephen into the world. Their close-knit group of friends began migrating to Texas which contributed to their decision to move the family to Richardson, where their son Bryan was born. Mathew joined Texas Instruments for a 28-year career that would carry him into retirement.

Blessed with the great fortune to retire early and join the already retired Hazel at 60 years old, the two embarked on the next journey of their lives, which included traveling the world and doting on their five grandchildren. Mama and Papa, as the grandkids affectionately named them, were able to travel Europe, visit Alaska and Canada, and even take the entire family on a Caribbean cruise! They especially enjoyed family time, hosting Sunday steak dinners, celebrating birthdays, looking at Christmas lights with the kids, and occasional bowling outings (including instruction from Papa who had several 300 point games to his record). They also enjoyed all their grandchildren's extracurricular activities, such as hockey games, dance recitals, cheerleading at football games, plays, musicals, and church choir performances.

Papa was known to be the family babysitter for all the grandkids along with Hazel. While Hazel cultivated a "little old ladies" babysitting group, Mathew often said that Hazel babysat for the money while he did it for love. His grandchildren have lasting memories of holidays at their grandparents with special dishes like his famous Hungarian stuffed cabbage, turkey stuffing, and "Papa sandwiches" i.e. whatever the grandkids wanted, even if it was just Miracle Whip and bread.

Mathew is survived by his children; daughter, Christine Streiff of Allen TX, and her former husband Bob Streiff of Lucas, TX; Son, Bryan and wife Kim Liptoi of Plano TX; Grandchildren, Cory Streiff and Brandy Alarcon, and great-granddaughter Madeleine Harper of Celina TX; Shannon and husband Travis Payne, and great-granddaughter Riley Marie of The Woodlands, TX; Tyler Streiff, wife Melissa, great-grandson Ryder Mathew, and soon-to-be great grandson Tanner Hudson of Bulverde, TX; Reverend Macie Liptoi of Dallas TX; Morgan and husband Brian Simpson of Holloman AFB, NM; and nephews, Karl Szabo (Sue), Roman Nemec (Kathleen).

He is preceded in death by his wife Hazel, parents Mathew and Maria, sister Maria Longobardo and son Stephen Liptoi.

The family would like to express their sincerest gratitude to all the wonderful caregivers at the Fountain View Assisted Living Center at Highland Springs. They want to convey their

thanks especially to “Momma” Mary Sempre and Jenifer Moreau of VNA Hospice for caring for Mathew when the family was not allowed to visit due to lockdown restrictions. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Mathew’s memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association Greater Dallas, in an effort to help find a cure for this life-robbing disease.

A private family graveside service will be held at Restland Cemetery on Friday, Nov. 27th. There will be a memorial service held in 2021 in celebration of Mathew’s life. We will miss our Papa greatly and are so thankful for the years we shared together in this life.

Comments



“ Mathew and Hazel were such dear, dear friends. We had many great times together. I miss them both so much. We will be neighbors at Restland, but looking forward to dancing in Heaven. The world is not the same without you both.



Phyllis Holton - December 03, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ So sorry for your loss ! Your dad was a wonderful man and I have a lot of memories of spending time at your house and joining in on those wonderful Sunday dinners. So glad we have have been able to share life together. Many joys and sorrows but love you family . Lynda

Lynda Short - December 02, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ The Liptoi Family were always great friends to our family - they were there to support us during happy and sad times. I am praying for them to find comfort and peace during this difficult time. God bless them!



Sam Courtney - November 25, 2020 at 11:25 AM