



## Lt Col Matthew Wilson Irvin US Army Retired

November 26, 1924 - February 16, 2013

Lt. Col. Matthew W. Irvin (Ret.), 1924 - 2013 Lt. Col. Matthew Wilson Irvin, US Army Retired, 88 of Charlotte, died Saturday, February 16, 2013.

Matthew was born in Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, on November 26, 1924, the son of Thomas Davis and Mary Irvin (Forsyth) Irvin. Matthew lived a life of service to his country, family, and his friends. He was a veteran of three wars. At age 18, during World War II, Matthew joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and served with ground crews in the 852nd Bomb Squadron, based in Norfolk, England. He witnessed the first V2 missile attacks on London. He completed his tour, left active duty, and graduated from Temple University with a degree in Journalism. In 1951, he rejoined the United States Army as a commissioned officer. Matthew served with the Army's Ryukus Command, stationed on Okinawa during the Korean War. On his return from Okinawa, Matthew attended infantry school. He went on to serve in the 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division at Ft. Riley during the late 1950s. It was during this time that he earned the first of two Army Commendation Medals. During the Vietnam War, Matthew served with the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam - Office of Information as adjutant to the Americal Division. He also worked in communications with MACV, editing several Army publications and writing from the field for Army Times, Army Digest and Airman Magazine. He also wrote an award-winning speech for his commanding officer, General William Westmoreland. He did see combat during the war and was wounded

in a helicopter accident while serving with the Americal Division. He retired in 1969, after more than 29 years of service, and lived the rest of his long life in peace. In 2000, he married Patricia Beck, and in 2006, they moved to Charlotte, North Carolina.

Matthew is survived by his wife, Patricia; his two children, Matthew W. Irvin Jr. of Richmond, Kentucky and Anne Madison of Baltimore, Maryland; two step-daughters, Marlene and her husband Barry Atkinson of Fairfax, Virginia, and Kathryn and her husband Collinson Burgwyn II of Newport News, Virginia; and a stepson, William Manson Kauffman of Charlotte; and four grandsons: Gregory Madison, James Keith Madison, Will Irvin, and Collinson Burgwyn III. Matthew is further survived by 2 great grandchildren, Henry and Bridget. He is also survived by his beloved childhood friend and comrade, Craig Schoeller of Cheltenham, PA, as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

Services for Matthew were held at 3 PM on Wednesday, February 20, at St Michael the Archangel Anglican Church, 2211 Margaret Wallace Road, Charlotte. The family received friends at the church one hour prior to the services. Interment will take place at 3 PM on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at the Arlington National Cemetery. Friends are invited to gather with the family at the Administration Building at 2:30 at which time a procession to the grave with full military honors will take place. Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home of Matthews is privileged to serve the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211  
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St Michael Anglican Church  
2211 Margaret Wallace Road  
Matthews, NC 28105  
<http://www.stmichaelsanglican.org/>

## Service

FEB 20. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Matthews, NC 28105  
<http://www.stmichaelsanglican.org/>

## Graveside Service

APR 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, VA 22211  
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>



# Tribute Wall



“ *Lt Col Matthew Wilson Irvin US Army Retired*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Lt Col Matthew Wilson Irvin US Army Retired*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *We send our love and prayers to Patt and the family at this time of Matt's entry into his eternal home. We were blessed to share a friendship with Matt and Patt while they lived in Lexington. Matt always had a story to tell and his stories were always enjoyed. We were sorry to see them head south to Charlotte. We were able to share a visit or two with them when they would make return trips to Lexington. He will be missed by the many people who knew him.*

*Wes and Annemarie Roberts  
Lexington, VA and Miami, FL*

**Wes and Annemarie Roberts** - February 20, 2013 at 01:09 PM

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“ Our condolences to the family of Matt Irvin. We first became friends with Matt and Patt while celebrating his 80th birthday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lexington, Virginia. We became fast friends and have enjoyed each others company for the last eight years. We helped Matt and Patt celebrate many joyous anniveraries and after Matt and Patt moved to Charlotte we maintained our friendship. Whenever Matt and Patt visited Lexington we were always able to spend time with them again. Matt was an inspiratin to me as I underwent total double knee replacement, as he had done and cheerfully said it was one of the best things he had ever done. Many tales and tails were shared with Matt and Patt as they both shared many of their life experiences with us. Matt was a faithful servant of our Lord Jesus Christ with whom he had a personal relationship. Matt was never tolerant of those that choose to depart from God's Word so he and Patt changed their place of worship a number of times duing our eight year relationship, looking for that community that was faithful to all of God's Word. As Matt was a faithful soldier here on this earth so he will be a faithful soldier in the Lord's army of believers. We will miss Matt and his wisdom, but are very happy for his entry into the Company of the Lord, Jesus Christ. March on you beloved soldier and when you look down on us, friends and relaives still here, continue to give us courage and inspriation as you did when you were here among us. God's peace to all Matt's family and friends.

*Dean and Judi Stenzel  
Lexington, Virginia*

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**Dean Stenzel** - February 19, 2013 at 02:17 PM

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“ My condolences to the family of Matt Irvin. I am a resident in The Glen where Matt & Patt lived until recently when they moved to Merrywood. My late husband, Terry, and I both loved Matt for his intelligence, his wonderful sense of humor, and good nature! I have missed both Matt and Patt since they moved. I am attaching a photo I found of Matt, taken during one of our monthly Birthday Celebrations in The Glen, on Nov 17, 2010. I think it is a great photo, and hope the family will enjoy it. If anyone in the family would like a copy, please notify me by email at [mcason@carolina.rr.com](mailto:mcason@carolina.rr.com) or 704-609-0009.



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**Mary Cason** - February 19, 2013 at 09:23 AM