



## John Jacob Mathena

May 23, 1922 - June 14, 2012

John Jacob Mathena, of Easton, MD, and formerly of Clinton, MD, died on June 14, 2012, at Genesis Health Care, The Pines. He was 90.

Mr. Mathena was born in Charles Town, WV, on May 23, 1922. He was the son of the late Halsie Mathena Littge Gift and Eber Greene Mathena.

He served in the United States Navy from 1942-1946, including a tour of duty on the U.S.S. Hornet during WWII. He was a musician third class, completing 48 weeks in the US Navy School of Music. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Boston University in 1949, and a Master of Education from the University of MD. He was employed as an instrumental music instructor for Prince George's County Public Schools from 1951 through 1982. Mr. Mathena had been residing in Easton since 1985.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patricia Ashley Mathena, whom he married on June 25, 1955, and a daughter, Ann Ashley Mathena.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the chapel of The MD Eastern Shore Veteran's Cemetery near Hurlock.

Memorial contributions may be made to Music for All, 39 W. Jackson Place - Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46225 <http://www.musicforall.org>



# Cemetery Details

## Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery

Hurlock, MD

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

Maryland Veterans Cemetery Chapel in Beulah  
6827 East New Market  
Hurlock, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Jacob Mathena*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Jacob Mathena*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Jacob Mathena*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *John Mathena was a great teacher and I am privileged to have studied music under his direction at Surrattsville High School. He instilled in me a great respect for John Phillip Sousa's patriotic marches and I love them to this day. He will be missed, but always remembered.*

*Sandra Smith Simmons - Surrattsville Class of 1970*

**Sandra Smith Simmons** - June 26, 2012 at 01:12 PM



“ *Tina M. Morris lit a candle in memory of John Jacob Mathena*



**Tina M. Morris** - June 21, 2012 at 09:06 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Ann** - June 17, 2012 at 07:45 PM

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“ *Connie Sypniewski lit a candle in memory of John Jacob Mathena*



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**Connie Sypniewski** - June 17, 2012 at 04:49 PM

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“ *My dad was a great cook, especially of hotcakes and mashed potatoes. He loved crossword puzzles, college basketball, and professional baseball and football. He could play almost every musical instrument and was an expert at the tenor sax, clarinet and piano. He had a knack for remembering names and dates and was a great listener. Best of all he was a great dad, husband to my mother for almost 57 years and had a gentle soul. Thank you to The Pines staff for showing great care and compassion to my father for the last 4 years. Love you always Dad! You were the best!*

*Love,  
Ann*

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**Ann** - June 16, 2012 at 09:37 PM

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*For my "cousin" Ann and her mother. It sounds like John was an amazing man and that you both had a wonderful relationship with him. I know you will cherish all the wonderful memories. I wish I could have know him.*

*With love and prayers, "cousin" Charlotte*

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**Charlotte A. Rush** - June 21, 2012 at 08:49 AM

PL

*Ann; my sympathies to you and your mom. I have lots of memories of our childhood days at your house; I always loved it when your Dad would play the piano...I remember always bugging you to ask him to please play something--anything; and he always did! I was amazed at his awesome talent.*

*Pamela Cooksey Ladd*

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**Pamela Cooksey Ladd** - June 21, 2012 at 10:35 AM

BA

*Hello, Ann. I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. He and my father, Jim Bell, used to play music together in Washington DC. I happened on a photo of them just recently that was taken one night after one of their gigs. I thought I would try to find one of you to see if you would like a copy of the photo. I don't know if your Mom would remember my parents but my mother was June Bell. You both have my sympathy. - Bonnie (Bell) Abrams*

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**Bonnie (Bell) Abrams** - July 02, 2012 at 04:30 PM