



Acknowledgements

The family of **Jeffrey Matthews** would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the outpouring gestures of love, kindness, and sympathetic concerns. We especially appreciate your support of Jeffrey's mother, Palestine Smith, at this very trying time for her. Your compassionate expressions of love have sustained us during this trying time and will continue to bring us a sense of peace in the future. We ask for your continued prayers and ask God's blessing on each of you.

The family of Jeffrey Matthews



IN LOVING MEMORY OF A VERY SPECIAL HUSBAND

When God was making husbands as far as I can see, He made a special soulmate especially for me. He made a perfect gentleman, compassionate and kind, with more love and affection than you could ever wish to find. He gave me a darling Husband a heart of solid gold, only my heart can hold. He was someone I could talk to that no one can replace, He was someone I could laugh with until tears ran down my face. Next time we meet will be at Heaven's door, when I see you standing there I wont cry anymore. I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face, Then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place.
Miss You So Much

Your Wife

Arrangements Entrusted to:
Nabors Family Funeral Home
Lillie Nabors, L.F.D.E.
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Thornton, Illinois 60476
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OF LIFE*



JEFFERY
Matthews
SUNRISE: FEBRUARY 22, 1970 | SUNSET: AUGUST 16, 2025

THE LIFE REFLECTIONS OF

Jeffery Matthews

Jeffery Matthews, 55, passed away in Chicago, Illinois on August 16, 2025. He was born on February 22, 1970 to Palestine Smith in Chicago, Illinois.

Jeff left a lasting impact on those who knew him through his dedication to service, education and community. A proud graduate of Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi where he earned his Bachelor’s degree and carried the values of perseverance and leadership into every aspect of his life. For over two decades, he was a devoted employee of City Colleges of Chicago, specifically at Kennedy-King College. His commitment extended beyond his professional duties. He spent majority of his time tending to the needs of his beloved mother Palestine. He served in several capacities of his union as a Stewart, where he actively championed the rights and well-being of college employees. His leadership was marked by integrity and a deep sense of responsibility to those he represented.

He was very fond of music and loved to DJ professionally and at family events. Jeffrey was known for his kind and gentle spirit. He approached life with warmth and sincerity that endeared him to colleagues, friends and family alike. His presence brought comfort and strength to many and his passion for life was evident in all he did. His children were the joy of his life and each of them held a special place in his life.

Jeffrey was preceded in death by grandmother Irene Matthews, grandfather Cleophus Matthews, three Aunts, Beatrice Hughes, Ruby Johnson, Daisy Moore and one uncle, Willie Matthews and Grand Child Juicy.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife Lula Matthews, his mother Palestine Smith, father Auberay Smith Sr, two brothers, Auberay Smith Jr and Reginol Matthews. Sisters Ericka Ligon, Jessica Smith, Courtney Smith, Audra Tyesha Smith, Audrey Smith. His Children Dominique, Kareem, Barbara, Lawrence, Cortez. His Grandchildren Earl and 10 others. He also leaves behind a large host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who will always cherish his memory.

May the memory of Jeffrey Matthews bring comfort to all who knew him and serve as a reminder of a life lived with compassion and purpose.

Expressions of Love

My cousin, Jeff received his wings and moved to a new address. He is now with the most High God. I envision the smiling faces and warm welcome of Mama Irene, Aunt Ruby, Aunt Daisy and the others Matthews who preceded him. We love you and will miss you “Maine”.

May you rest in peace dear cousin

Love you, your big cousin Traci

My Biggest Cousin you are still a giant to me you showed us so much. EPMD, The Jungle Brothers and Bushwick Bill. Love You Hey Baby My Paw paw will be missed. He was there for my ups and downs, no matter what he had going on. Most people will be forgotten but my Paw paw I could never forget

Love Earl

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.
He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my *soul:*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name’s sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, August 30, 2025
Wake 10 am Service 11 am
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Musical Prelude

Reading of Scripture - Deacon Rayfield Johnson, Sr

Prayer

Musical Selection

Resolution

Remarks - (3 minutes)

Acknowledgements

Special Thanks

Reading of the Obituary

Eulogy and Benediction

PALLBEARERS

Jimmie, William, Chester
Auberay, Kareem, Lawrence

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Reginol, Craig, Al, Tre

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