



Chester Mathison

October 2, 1914 - October 2, 2006

NIAGARA, Wis. - Chester Mathison, 92, of Niagara, died Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at Florence Villa Nursing Home.

He was born on July 27, 1914, in Leona, Wis., son of the late John and Helen (Yakel) Mathison.

Chester lived in Pentoga, spending his early years in the lumber camps and attending the Lansing School for the Blind as a child.

He married the former Veronica Alsteen on July 28, 1945, and she preceded him in death in 1978. He lived in Niagara since 1947 and worked in maintenance for the Village of Niagara from 1947-1971. He was last employed by the Village of Niagara as the sexton at the cemetery.

He enjoyed listening to tape recorded books provided to him by special library services. He had a very good memory and provided a wealth of information about his family for those who were interested. In spite of his problems with his sight, he lived alone and was proud of his ability to do so.

Chester is survived by his sister in-law, Gladys Mathison; several nieces and nephews and a special nephew, Dale McNamee. He is also survived by a special friend, Ida Scott of Iron Mountain, who helped him continue to live in

the independent life he desired in his last years. He is further survived by his good friends, Dawn and Neil Johnson and Harold and Grace Kinziger.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Lorretta McNamee, Louella Goldstein and Theresa Clemo, and two brothers, Bert and Ralph Mathison

There will be a graveside service on Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Niagara Cemetery at 2 p.m. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Chester Mathison online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

A special thanks to Loving Caring Hands Inc., and the Florence Villa Nursing Home.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *What wonderful memories I have from when I was a child and visited northern Mich at my grand-parents where my uncle Chester lived---I still remember his jokes and little tricks that kept my brother and myself laughing.*

I am sad that only now after so many years I find him here on the net but no longer with us except in memories...

If anyone has info about the rest of the family I be so happy to hear from you as I lost contact when my family moved us kids to Ohio..

God bless...

Sandra mathison Cruz - zanesfield,, OH - he was my uncle (fathers brother -
January 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Chester Mathison was my great uncle. I grew up in Long Lake, Wisconsin and my parents, for the longest time, would go see him at least once a week. Chet was such a caring and helping man. He did so much to help my family.

I remember when I was learning music, I started at 9, He wanted so badly for me to make it. When I was 13 he had bought me a new guitar and paid for music lessons for me to help me with my musical interests.

He was proud of me. I became very close to him as years went by and though eventually, my family stopped going to see him and they grew apart. I still kept n touch with him. By phone or writing. When I was married in 93 I moved to Canada for 6 years with my then husband. I kept in touch even there. Through all that had been going on family wise and personally, I never stopped talking to him. After all, family is family and one day we grow to regret the things that happen to each other in the end.

I always loved him and always will. He has been there for me through some of the hardest times in my life. From my divorce to my break down. Several of them. Sadly he never got to know that I was and am caring another child whom I had hoped one day would get to meet him. He loved me like a daughter he never had. I loved him as well. We shared many long conversations over the phone and in person , when I had chances to go there and see every one. I was one of the closest people to him. I knew and know things NO ONE has ever known. And to this day I will always keep those things to myself. We shared tears over many of them and sometimes I listened and let him cry as he recalled painful things as well as happy. I was always so impressed withhow he lived for so many years alone and blind. If only we all could have that kind of strngth and courage.

I love you always and forever Uncle Chet just as I love all my family. You will forever be missed! I will keep all we have shared sacred. Our secrets. Hugs.

*Lona A Johnson
Idaho Falls, Idaho*

Lona Johnson - November 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ to whom ever reads this I would like them to know that chester mathison was a very wonderful man , friend, and person. I had the honor of neeting him. we had many hours of very unique talks, he talked of when he was young and all through his life. and some of his stories were so funny , he has me laughing in tears. I will for sure always think of him and remember how special of a man , person and friend he was to me. rest in peace Chester till we can meet again some day. love you Carol.

carol - October 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ I got to now Chest the 1st time he was at the nursing home, and he went home and I don` t now how my sister Ida got picked to take care of him at home, So I still got to see Chest at all our b_ days and holidays he would come out and eat with us and spend the day. My mom way happy he would say hey mom how you doing and they would talk. That was good for both of them. Chester treated people like they did him if you were nice he was and if you acted bad to him he gave it back. I Miss chester and his empty chair at our table.
June

June - October 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ The loss of Chester will be felt by many. I have known Chet all my life. Neil has been his friend for the last fifteen years. Knowing him has shown us a beautiful example of courage, fortitude, and strength. When the phone rings in the morning I still expect Chet to be on the other end. His stories of the past and his creativity in solving problems will be treasured by us.

Neil and Dawn - October 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of Chester. I did not know him hardly at all, the only way that I did know of him was through Ida. I met him one time at Easter when we all went to Idas house for Easter Dinner & he was there. He seemed like such a nice Man & seemed to have a good heart. He will be missed by many.
Ashley & Clint VanTroba

Ashley VanTroba - October 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. Chester was an interesting guy, had a lot to talk about. I remember the times I would go with Ida and take my grandkids down there to see him. How much he enjoyed that. You will be missed. Julie

Julie - October 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ID

“ I only knowen Chester for a couple of years, and I miss him - the time that we would arm wrestle or just sit and talk about the passed he had a lot to offer. All the stories of the blind school he went to and the work he use to do. I will never gorget the way you could walk around yr home and be blind at the same time. I will miss u but I will see you agian
Love ya Ida

Ida - October 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM