



# Michael Matera Jr.

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## **Michael Matera Jr.**

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**M**ichael "Mike" Matera Jr., 89, of South Bethany Beach, DE, passed away peacefully at his residence on March 8, 2025. Born June 18, 1935, in Riverside, New Jersey, Mike was known for his strong work ethic and commitment to his family and community.

Mike began his career as a lineman for PSEG in New Jersey and later became a volunteer firefighter. After retiring from PSEG, he worked as a real estate agent. Throughout his life, Mike was dedicated to service and was a respected member of his community. He served proudly in the National Guard and was instrumental in founding the South Bethany Beach Town Watch Committee and the South Bethany Beach Beautification Committee. He was also a past president of the South Bethany Beach Homeowners Association.

An outdoors enthusiast, Mike enjoyed hunting, boating, crabbing, and the occasional trip to the casinos. His contributions to his community and his family will be remembered. Mike will be missed by all who knew him.

Mike is survived by his son, Gary Matera Sr. (Dawn) of Selbyville, DE; daughter, Diane Matera (Steven Lamb) of Fort Myers Beach, FL; grandson, Gary Matera Jr.; granddaughters, Alicia Burns, Laurie Jenkins, and Chelsea Barbely; great-grandsons, Robbie Everham, Jayden Jenkins, and Jackson Barbely; great-granddaughters, Chloe Burns and Olivia Barbely; sister, Elaine Vogelman; and foster daughter, Rose Wilson Macfarland. In addition to his parents, Michael Matera Sr. and Mildred Rhoades, he was predeceased by his wife, Marie Doris Matera (Kovalesky); his siblings, Joseph Matera and Louise Rodano; and foster daughter, Terrilee Wilson Brennon.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Millville United Methodist Church, 36405 Club House Road, Millville, DE 19967. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 AM. Burial will be held privately.



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BY 3PM TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



# Events


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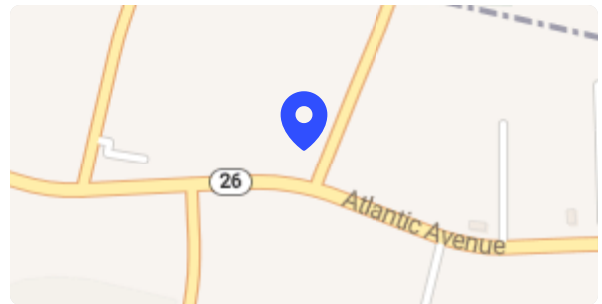
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## Visitation

 **Tuesday**, March 18, 2025

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Millville United Methodist Church**  
36405 Club House Rd., Rt. 26, Millville DE 19967

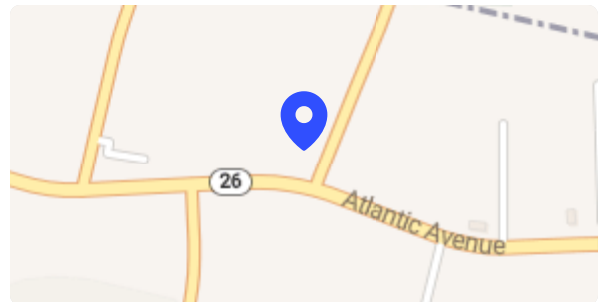


## Funeral Service

 **Tuesday**, March 18, 2025

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

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## Tribute Wall

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**Jim Coyle, Jr.** posted:

My sincere condolences to your family in the loss of your father! I knew Mike as a dedicated brother fireman in the Riverside Fire Company. His laugh was unique and you knew when he was around! May God rest his soul and comfort your family in his memory! Jim Coyle, Jr.

March 22 at 9:07 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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