



Fredrick "Fred" W. Mattheis Sr.

April 8, 1936 - January 9, 2025

Fredrick "Fred" William Mattheis Sr., age 88, from Rosendale, Wisconsin, peacefully joined his loving Savior, surrounded by loved ones on his family farm, on January 9th, 2025.

Fred was born on April 8, 1936, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to Bernard and Maisie (Gardner) Mattheis. After graduating from Rosendale High School, he married Sally Kemnitz on March 6, 1955. Fred and Sally laid their roots in Rosendale, Wisconsin, raised three children, and shared 48 wonderful years together before her passing on February 4, 2004.

Fred loved working with automobiles and made his career as a mechanic at O.R. Bluemke's, owning his own service station, teaching at Moraine Park, and lastly working as an Insurance Adjuster.

Fred dedicated himself to family and community. He served in the Rosendale Fire Department for over 50 years as a firefighter, Fire Chief, and secretary. He was an avid long-time scouter and mentor. Fred joined scouting in 1951 at the age of 15 and earned his Eagle Scout in 1957 at the age of 21. He volunteered with Troop 734 in Rosendale for nearly 60 years, serving as Scoutmaster for 43 years. Most of all, Fred loved spending time with his family, grandchildren, and animals. His perfect day would be spent at the pond watching the children fish and play while the adults reminisced around the campfire making s'mores. This legacy will carry on for many generations.

Fred also devoted his time to several organizations, including the Mid-America Geographic Foundation, Rosendale Historical Society, Rock River

Archaeological Society, teaching hunter safety through the DNR, and the Fox Valley Stock Car Club, where his car Snoopy A11 won the points championship in 1972.

Fred is survived by his loving partner of 20 years, Rose Rentmeester, and her children and grandchildren; one daughter, Patti (Tom) King of Rosendale; two sons, Rick (Julie) Mattheis of Rosendale and Rob (Angie) Mattheis of Rosendale; six grandchildren, Jason (Ami) King, Kyle (Melissa) King, Nic (Terra) Mattheis, Megan (Nick) Wehle, Sam (Morgan) Mattheis, and Will Mattheis; and 12 great-grandchildren, Michaela, Lennon, Isabel, Mac, Olivia, Hailey, Hannah, Raelyn, Quinn, Arlo, Lyla, and Micah.

He is also survived by one sister, Allys (Wayne) Rudisill; two brothers, George (Barbara) Mattheis and Richard Mattheis; in-laws Mary Kaiser, Kaye Albrecht, and Alice (Jeff) Wittchow, Sandy Kemnitz, Nancy Kemnitz, Carol Kemnitz, Bill Freiberg, and Gary (Faye) Kemnitz.

Fred is preceded in death by his wife, Sally Jean Mattheis; his parents, Bernard and Maisie Mattheis; one granddaughter, Kayla Jean Mattheis; one brother, Robert Mattheis; and his in-laws, Chet and Irene Kemnitz, Louie (Lucille) Kemnitz, Joanne Freiberg, Bill Kaiser, Dave (Beth) Kemnitz, Jim Kemnitz, Steve Kemnitz, Reinie Albrecht, and Tom Kemnitz.

Fred will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be given to Fred's most cherished organizations.

VISITATION: The family will greet friends and relatives from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Peace Lutheran Church, 124 South Main Street, Rosendale.

SERVICE: Memorial services will be held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Peace Lutheran Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church
124 South Main Street
Rosendale, WI 54974

Service

JAN 25. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ Fred was my Scout Master growing up and he sure is a wonderful man. He was always patient with us when we were misbehaving, as teenage boys do, and he had a wonderful sense of humor. It wasn't til I became an adult with a job and family that I realized how special Fred is. He had a job, raised kids of his own, volunteered in numerous organizations and was a role model for young men in Scouts all over Fond Du Lac county. He certainly will be missed, but those of us who were mentored by him, will carry many of the lessons Fred taught, with us. He led by example, as all good leaders do.

Wanted to end on a funny story in case anyone ever reads this. I'm pretty certain Fred raced and worked on cars when he was younger, and based on when I knew him, that need for speed never left him. One Sunday, we were coming home from a campout in Northern Wisconsin and Fred was hauling the Scout Trailer behind the old Jeep he had. He must have been late 70's at the time. He's heading down 41 averaging nine mph over the speed limit, so as not to get ticketed, and notices his exit is coming up in about a quarter mile.

From the left hand passing lane, in the old jeep with Trailer in tow, he smoothly accelerates to 80 mph and glides across three lanes on highway 41 to catch his exit in time
He didn't miss a beat, it was like a hot knife through butter.

Thanks for the wonderful memories Fred, keep that Campfire nice and hot for the rest of us, for when we cross over to the other side



Jon Opheim - February 05 at 09:45 PM

CO

“ As grandparents we were invited to Scout special events. Over the years we got to know Fred and see the results of his character and leadership. He made a positive contribution to our grandsons lives. We appreciate his years of leadership and influence on boys lives. We will miss him.

Chuck and Lynne Oehmcke - January 25, 2025 at 11:10 AM

RA

“ Rosendale Fire Dept., First Resp. & Aux. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fredrick "Fred" W. Mattheis Sr..

Rosendale Fire Dept., First Resp. & Aux. - January 14, 2025 at 03:07 PM

RA

“ Rosendale Fire Dept., First Resp. & Aux. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Fredrick "Fred" W. Mattheis Sr..



Rosendale Fire Dept., First Resp. & Aux. - January 14, 2025 at 03:07 PM

MW

“ Rick and Julie,
Our sympathy to you and the family on the loss of your dad.
Merlin n Vicki Walters

Merlin n Vicki Walters - January 13, 2025 at 08:40 PM

DS

“ Rick and Julie: Sending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dad-Dan and Sherry Simon

Dan Simon - January 13, 2025 at 01:14 PM

PA

“ Patti & family, My Deepest Sympathy to you & your family. He was a amazing man, a man of God as he was very diligent in taking his turn on the Altar guild. I Thank you Fred.

Pat Abbs

Pat - January 13, 2025 at 10:42 AM