

Matthews, William Robert Patrick (Bill) Died July 26, 2008

Matthews, William Robert Patrick (Bill) B.A., B.Sc. (Hons.), M.D., F.R.C.P.S.(C), F.C.P.S.(U.S.) Surrounded by his family on July 26, 2008, Bill passed away suddenly in his 80th year. Beloved husband of Frances (nee McElhone) for 50 years. Loving father of Jerry (Sonia), Dan (Mary Ann), Mary Beth (Gordon), and Sarah (Michael). Papa will be sadly missed by his grandchildren, David, Jennifer, Megan, Julie, Caitlin, Emily, Ryan, William, Olivia and Victoria. Predeceased by grandson Gregory. Cherished brother of Margaret Sullivan (nee Matthews) and the late Jack Sullivan (of Elora and Guelph), Louis Matthews and Mary Margaret (of London, Ontario), and Jerry Matthews and Angela (of Guelph). Also survived by many dear nieces and nephews. Bill was a devoted General Surgeon at St. Joseph's Hospital for over 30 years. He was passionately committed to helping the ill and others in distress. He was the former Chief of General Surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital and Assistant Professor of Surgery at McMaster University. He was a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons Canada, a Fellow of the College of Physicians and Surgeons United States and surgeon for the Royal Canadian Air Force in Germany and United States. An avid fisherman, hunter, gardener, and skier, Bill loved the outdoors. He would often describe fond details of growing up on the farm in Mount Forest. Bill shared many happy memories with his good friends at the Blue Top Hunt Club for over 35 years. Visitation at the P.X. DERMODY FUNERAL HOME, 7 East Avenue South on Monday, July 28 from 7-9 p.m. and Tuesday, July 29 from 1-4 and 7-9 p.m. Vigil Prayers, Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at The Annunciation of Our Lord Parish, 280 Limeridge Road West, on Wednesday, July 30, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington. In lieu of flowers and condolences, donations to St. Joseph's Healthcare Foundation would be most appreciated by the family. May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, May the rains fall soft upon your fields, And, until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of His hand. Slainte, our dear Papa. Posted: 2008-07-28

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