



Donald L. "Don" Matchett

October 23, 1946 - April 14, 2025

Donald L. "Don" Matchett passed away at home in Osprey, Florida, on April 14, following a short illness. He was 78 years of age but would be quick to tell you that he was in his 79th year.

He was born on October 23, 1946, in Portland, Indiana, to James Matchett and Ruth Bickel Matchett.

After graduation from Portland High School in 1964, he attended Ball State University, graduating with a degree in Business. While there, he was an active member of Theta Chi Fraternity and remained in contact with many of his brothers over the years.

Following graduation, Don enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served as an aviator until his honorable discharge.

On August 5, 1972, he married Terri Raver, and they celebrated their 52nd anniversary last year.

In 1973, Don and Terri settled in Winchester, Indiana, where he owned and operated Matchett and Ward Insurance for over 40 years. While living in Winchester, he was a member of the Winchester Kiwanis Club and served in a leadership role within other community organizations. Don was always focused on making Winchester and Randolph County a better place to live.

As a pastime, Don enjoyed cycling and rode several thousand miles over the course of his lifetime. In addition, he spent 45 years as a resident of Lake Tippecanoe in northern Indiana, where Terri and he still have a home.

In retirement, Don and Terri enjoyed much of the year in Osprey, Florida, where they were residents and members of The Oaks Club; they also enjoyed time at beautiful Siesta Key in Sarasota.

Don always enjoyed traveling, and the two of them were proud to have visited all 50 states in the United States and over 40 different countries abroad. Day trips were always fun, oftentimes determined by the location of breweries where he could enjoy a local IPA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Linda Hunt and Jacki Loy, and his stepfather, W. Gene Duke.

Don is survived by his wife, Terri, his son, Jeffrey (Hope) Matchett of Fort Wayne, IN, sisters Debbie (Chris) McCoy of Ridgeville, IN, and Libby (Dave) Hirshy of Dunlap, IL, his brother-in-law, Steve Loy of Crawfordsville, IN, several nieces and nephews, and many thoughtful and caring friends.

Private family services will be held, followed by a Celebration of Life at a later date.

Gifts in Don's memory may be made to:

- Donald L. and Terri E. Matchett Scholarship Fund % Ball State University Foundation, 2800 West Bethel Avenue, Muncie, IN 47304
- Randolph County YMCA, 1521 East Washington Street, Winchester, IN 47394