



## Lawrence R. Mathews

July 13, 1965 - November 25, 2025

Wantage - Lawrence R. Mathews, age 60, passed away on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at Newton Medical Center. Born in Dover, Larry has been a lifelong resident of Sussex County. He was the owner and operator of Tri-State Restoration in Sussex and was known for being able to restore houses. Larry had a passion for cars and enjoyed spending his time building and working on engines. He also loved to bowl and go fishing. Larry was known for his quick wit, perfectly timed one-liners, and the ability to make everyone laugh. He was truly one of the funniest people someone could be around. He was predeceased by his father, Leslie Mathews, Jr.; his maternal grandparents, William F. Holly and Francesca B. Holly; and his paternal grandparents, Leslie R. Mathews, Sr. and Carolyn Mathews. Larry is survived by his best friend and canine pal, Schultz; his mother, Sharon (Holly) Mathews; his siblings, Linda, Deborah, Richard, and Steven; his longtime girlfriend, Gina Matarazzo and her daughter, Kayla; his nieces and nephews, Jamie, Billy, Shawn, Ryan, Tyler, and Raven; his great grand nieces and nephews, Alexander, Mason, Lily, and Bearon; and many cousins and extended family. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Friends may pay their respects to the family prior to the service from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Lawrence's memory to Puppy Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 1516, Celina, TX 75009. Online condolences may be offered to the family at w

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# Cemetery Details

**Private Cremation Services**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC 13. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
31 Bank Street (Route 23)  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
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### Service

DEC 13. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

PO

“ I just learned of Larry’s passing, so sad to hear, and my condolences to the family. Larry was a super nice guy, kind and thoughtful , he’d always have time to talk or help you ,and he was always smiling. He was also tough as nails. SD to know I won’t see him again. May he rest in peace

Paul Ogrinz - December 14, 2025 at 09:45 AM

CN

“ I have no social media no facebook or instagram I’m sure Larry didn’t either. I don’t know of any other person like Larry he was one of a kind . He was always willing to help and willing to be a friend. It was always about racing or building motors which he mastered. He built one for me . More than that he was a friend. I used to go on rides when I first grew up from the crotch rockets and bought a Harley me and Larry would ride every week and always end up for dinner at Amy Heaters place on rt 23 or if it was an off day at the lamppost! I will miss him in that way !

Chris Nestor - December 02, 2025 at 06:05 PM

DR

“ So very sorry to hear this. Rest in peace Larry, you left us way to early. Prayers and condolences to all the family.

Dave Rome - November 30, 2025 at 09:28 AM