



Mr. Frank Matthews

September 5, 1942 - August 29, 2025

Frank F. Matthews, retired Associate Professor of Mathematics and one of the founding faculty

at the University of Houston–Clear Lake, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2025, just days

shy of his 83rd birthday. Born on September 5, 1942, in Cleveland, Ohio, Frank was predeceased by his parents Frank F. Matthews, Sr., and Cecelia Figas Matthews. Frank's lifelong passion for science, mathematics and education was evident from an early age. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the California Institute of Technology, followed by both his Master's in Mathematics and Ph.D. in

Mathematics Education from The Ohio State University.

Over the course of his distinguished career, he inspired generations of students with his deep

knowledge, accessibility, and unwavering dedication to the discipline of mathematics.

Beyond his professional achievements, Frank was a devoted husband to Dorothy Feeney

Matthews, with whom he shared a loving marriage since 1969. Together, they built a life

grounded in mutual respect, intellectual curiosity, and enduring companionship.

Frank will be remembered not only for his contributions to academia but also

for his volunteer

work, kindness, humor, breadth of interest in knowledge and history, love of travel, cuisine,

reading, explore others' ideas and family, and the thoughtful mentorship he offered to colleagues, students, and everyone.

Memorial donations may be made to the Frank and Dorothy Matthews Math Education

Scholarship Endowment at www.uhcl.edu/giving/. You may also call the UH-Clear Lake

advancement office at (281 283-2032. You may also donate to Ligmincha Texas at

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“ I worked and took care of Mr. Frank for 5 years and 3 months. It was certainly an experience working for him. He was a educator and historian. He use to make me laugh, he would say Glenda did I tell you about the story of such and such. I would say yes you did so many times and he would tell me, well I'm going to tell you again and we would just laugh. He had a memory like and elephant. There are so many fond memories that I had with him. I am truly grateful that him and Mrs. Dorothy allowed me to come into their home to care for him. There was never a dull moment. I truly loved and miss him. Billy and Glenda Mitchell.

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