



## Daniel Lee Mathews

July 6, 1973 - March 8, 2022

Daniel Lee Mathews went to be with the Lord on March 8, 2022. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Daniel's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

He was born on July 6, 1973 in Albuquerque, NM to John and Rose Ann Mathews and grew up in Belen. Daniel was active in 4-H and FFA and spent countless hours working at Mathews Custom Meat Market for his dad and family. Daniel asked Jesus into his heart as a young boy at the Assemblies of God Church camp in Mountainair one summer. He had been a member of Christ's Church since moving to Roswell. He loved to worship God and never cared that he couldn't carry a tune and was even known for making up his own lyrics.

Dan graduated from Belen High School in 1991 and continued his education at NMSU in Las Cruces to become a welder. After receiving his Associates's Degree, he went on to get his Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Extension Education to become an Ag teacher and FFA Advisor. The Lord guided his path down a life Dan cherished and considered his calling. He later went on to earn his Master's.

During his time in college, Daniel met his one and only love, Jimi Sue at an FFA dance at NMSU. Thanks to his sister's dance lessons, he swept her off

her feet and after a few years of dating they ended up marrying in 1994 in Las Cruces. Dan was confident and never doubted that being an Ag teacher was part of God's plan. Both he and Jimi Sue held on- trusting God to lead them in a blessed life that was more than they could have ever asked for.

Daniel's first job as an Ag teacher was in Los Lunas, NM. Being fresh out of college, he would wear a tie daily so that his students and their parents could distinguish him as the actual teacher and not just another kid. He had the pleasure of teaching there for 14 years and during that time became the parents of three beautiful daughters- Elaina, Jordan, and Kaylee. His girls thought he hung the moon, and likewise, they meant the world to him. He shared his love of hunting, fishing, raising and showing 4-H/FFA animals with them. They were blessed to grow up knowing the lasting impact of a father's unconditional love.

On Father's Day 2011 Daniel moved his family to Roswell, where he was the Ag teacher for Goddard High School for the last 11 years. He and his girls were immediately welcomed and embraced by the community and just as in previous years, he poured back into it with his heart and soul.

For 25 years, Mr. Mathews taught and inspired countless young people to make their lives matter. He loved his students or his "kids" as he would call them and was, himself, a big kid at heart. He was rarely seen without a smile on his face and touched all those around him. He was known as a leader in his community, and was selfless when it came to helping others. Wherever he was, he made lifelong friends, and he will be greatly missed by all who had the honor and pleasure of knowing him.

Daniel is survived by his loving wife Jimi Sue and their three adoring daughters Elaina, Jordan, and Kaylee; his mother Rose Ann Mathews; father John Mathews and wife Cookie; sister Lisa Gustin and husband Mike and

their children Caleb and Jessica. Those who will also cherish the memories of him are all of his family members, friends and students past and present too numerous to list. He loved each and every one of them.

Blessed to serve as honorary pallbearers are: John and Caleb Doss, Mike and Caleb Gustin, Marty and Cody Brantley, Todd and Brenden Carter.

Services for Daniel will be held on Wednesday, March 16 at Christ's Church at 2 pm. A graveside memorial will be held in Mountainair, NM at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family has set up Mathews scholarship fund through the NM State FFA office. You may donate in honor of Mr. Mathews by clicking the link of scanning the QR Code.

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=MGVR8NNAJE2G6](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=MGVR8NNAJE2G6)

Daniel's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel Lee Mathews*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Having known Daniel and his family since he was in kindergarten, there is no finer human than him. May God,s love and strength sustain his family. John 3:16. EVERLASTING LIFE! No GREATER PROMISE!*

**Shirley Silva** - May 14, 2022 at 11:25 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Mathews.*



March 15, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ *Mr. Mathews was a wonderful man and inspiration to kids. He was a pleasure to work with at Goddard and his legacy will live on GR forever. Thoughts and prayers to his family, students, and friends. His impact will live on through those he inspired. Go Goddard!! - Coach Deck*

**Chris Deck** - March 15, 2022 at 04:24 PM

JD

“ My introduction to the John Mathew’s family was in the nineties while I served as the Junior Beef Superintendent at the NMSF. We would send the packer and sale steers with John to be processed at Mathew’s Meats. I always got a kick out of John when he would remind me that there was only one “t” in Mathews.

I know I met Daniel along the way but remember him getting his degree and becoming the Ag Teacher at Los Lunas. As a sales rep for MoorMan’s, I worked with Daniel to do a showfeed meeting for his livestock families at Los Lunas High.

I always held Daniel in high regard because he had it in his heart to be the best ag teacher he could possibly be.

So saddened at to hear of his passing. Love and condolences to his family. 🙏

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**Joe Delk** - March 15, 2022 at 10:05 AM

JA

“ I worked with Daniel at LLHS, but prior to that I was in Personnel. He called me one day because my stupid son had locked him in the cage that held welding equipment during class! Daniel pit his phone on speaker as Im screaming at my son to let his teacher out. The kids loved him cause he could take a joke.

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**Jane** - March 14, 2022 at 11:58 PM

IM

“ One of his many many students I always enjoyed everything about his class from welding to cutting up cows 😂 I'll never forget one day in class he was explaining to us how he pierced through his hand by accidently holding the machine backwards it was hilarious and crazy to hear how he handled it 😂 definitely a person I will never forget 100 🙌💙

Issaih M - March 13, 2022 at 06:33 PM

SS

“ I have always respected Daniel and loved him. A kind and thoughtful GENTLE soul a man ( A lot like his father John in that respect) A man of God and Family Flrst. And the ONE Human who could teach me MATH at 40 years of age...lol God Bless you Daniel and may you rest easy, I will miss you and love you until we meet again. I will cherish the memories I have forever and always.  
You will long be rememebred for all the GOOD you have done in your work with FFA and the Kids you have taught and wil continue to teach even in your absence.  
We are Proud of you Daniel and Proud to be your FAMILY....



All my Love Shawna

Shawna Barker ( step sister) - March 13, 2022 at 07:47 AM

KE

“ I always will remember Mr. Mathew’s as the kind, honorable, goofy person that he was. He loved the corny jokes I would tell him everyday in class. His favorite one was, “I used to be addicted to soap, but I’m clean now”. He truly was the best teacher I have ever had, nothing will be the same without him here. I send my condolences and heart out to his family.  
- Kolya Esparza

Kolya Esparza - March 12, 2022 at 03:29 PM

DM

I’m a past student of Mr Mathews. He and I had a special relationship from the get go. I believe I was his first gray hair as a teacher. Never did I take the time to apologize to him nor did he ever hold it against me. Mr. Mathews is a great man. He taught me more than I’ll ever know how to be thankful for. He taught me life lessons I’ll always be grateful for. A gentleman. Generous, kind, compassionate, caring, genuine. The most genuine man I have known. Thank you Mathews for the wonderful years you blessed my life and so many others with. You will always be missed by so many. My condolences to your wife, children and family. Until we meet again sir, keep on keeping on!

David Meyer - March 14, 2022 at 10:54 AM

JM

“ We met Daniel and the Matthew’s family through 4H and theValencia County Fair. He was always kind, respectful, and helpful to us. He was also a lot of fun! Though we had not seen him in many years his life impacted us in a positive way. We thank God for his life and ask for his eternal reward in heaven. Jerry and Rose Mary Montoya

Jerry and Rose Mary Montoya - March 12, 2022 at 12:59 PM

MH

“ Being Mr. Mathews chapter President this past year had been such an honor. His passion for FFA and the Goddard chapter was contagious as well as irreplaceable ❤️



Maycie Henington - March 12, 2022 at 04:58 AM

Tasha Sanchez

“ The best teacher and role model anyone would have been blessed to know! LLHS 2003-2005 This man helped me grow and get me into college by writing a letter on my behalf! I will never forget him!



Tasha Sanchez - March 12, 2022 at 12:01 AM

RF

“ Larry and I knew Daniel probably when he was still in high school and as an ag teacher in Los Lunas. He was always kind and competent in his life and work. He tried to establish peace among all the fair board member, kids and parents which was no small task. Sympathy and may the peace of Christ be with all the family for losing Danial special soul too soon

Roene and larry fuller - March 11, 2022 at 11:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Mathews.*



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March 10, 2022 at 10:46 PM