



Junior Francis "JR" Matern

February 17, 1949 - August 29, 2018

Junior Francis "JR" Matern, age 69, of Herscher passed away Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at his home, with his family at his side.

Junior was born February 17, 1949 in Kankakee, the son of Francis & Katherine (Knittle) Matern.

Junior married Pamala Beverlin on July 25, 1970.

Junior was a veteran of the United States Army, having served from August 1970 to February 2, 1972.

Junior was an employee of AT&T, retiring after 36 years. He coached Little League for 20 plus years. He served as President of the Herscher High School Athletic Booster and was also a member of the American Legion/VFW. JR loved spending time with his grandchildren. He enjoyed playing golf and doing crossword puzzles.

JR was a parishioner of St. Margaret Mary Church in Herscher, where he also taught CCD for 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Pamala Matern of Herscher; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steven & Janet Matern of Odell, Andrew Matern of Reno, NV, and Darrin & Brittany Matern of Bradley; five grandchildren, Brandon, Jacob, Abby, Colton, and Saydee; two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Bev & Tom Buckley and Mary Ann & Dan Senesac; and several nieces and nephews. Junior is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Gary Matern; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jack & Helen Beverlin; one brother-in-law, Rick Parker; and one nephew Brian Buckley.

A Rosary Service will be held at 3:30 p.m. with a visitation following from 4- 8 p.m. Friday, August 31, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. An additional visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral mass at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Herscher. Burial will follow at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Bonfield.

Due to allergies, the family asks that no flowers be sent.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter and Paul Cemetery

Herscher, IL

Previous Events

Rosary Service

AUG 31. 3:30 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

AUG 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
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Visitation

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
350 N. Main Street
Herscher, IL 60941
(815) 426-2153
<http://www.saintmargaretmaryherscher.org>

Funeral Mass

SEP 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
350 N. Main Street
Herscher, IL 60941
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Tribute Wall

PH

“ Dear Pam and family, all of God's comfort and peace to you. I will always remember the great vacations we shared in Herscher, in Texas, and beyond. The shopping trips you and Marsha enjoyed gave JR and I plenty of time to really work on our golf games and enjoy ourselves. The Hotel Matern was always open, day and night. What a great guy! Pat Harrington

Pat Harrington - September 07, 2018 at 12:23 PM

RR

“ Pam and family, sorry for your loss!
Ron Ramsey

Ron Ramsey - September 03, 2018 at 02:39 PM

NS

“ Pam and family, I'm so sorry to here of JR's passing. He was a great guy, JR and Bill shared many memories of their time working together at IBT, Ameritech or whatever it's been called. He will be missed by many.

Nancy (Bill) Sharp

Nancy Sharp - September 03, 2018 at 08:43 AM

DA

“ So sorry for you lose. JR was a wonderful person, went to school and CCD classes with him. Sorry I missed the services, was out of town.

Donna Quayle Anderson

Donna Anderson - September 02, 2018 at 02:34 PM

DW

“ Dear Pam & family, Our deepest sympathy to all of you. So sorry we missed the visitation but we did not see the obituary in the paper until after it was over. God bless you all. Donna and Merlyn Witheft

Donna & Merlyn Witheft - September 02, 2018 at 01:31 PM

GB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Pam and family.

Gay Blanchette - September 01, 2018 at 08:39 AM

LH

“ Pam, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. I have so many fond memories of sitting next to JR in band and all the fun times we had over the years. He was such a good person, and made you smile whenever you were around him I know he will be missed by all, but also know he is in no more pain and at home with his heavenly father. May God give you all peace and comfort at this time.

Lynn Hartman.

Lynn Hartman - August 31, 2018 at 08:39 PM

KD

“ Pam and family,

Our prayers are with you. Jr was a great guy and will be missed

Keith and Laure Dietterle - August 31, 2018 at 07:58 PM

GG

“ Gloria Graham lit a candle in memory of Junior Francis "JR" Matern



Gloria Graham - August 31, 2018 at 07:45 PM

LB

“ Lois Bentley lit a candle in memory of Junior Francis "JR" Matern



Lois Bentley - August 31, 2018 at 06:54 PM

JC

“ JR was a great guy and I always had fun with him on the golf course. My prayers are with his family. John Cooper

John S Cooper - August 31, 2018 at 06:48 PM

ML

“ Whenever we had a match in the Knights of Columbus golf league, I always enjoyed his company. He was a good guy and I enjoyed teasing him about his golf ability. It was nice to know that he was involved in Little League and CCD. A good Christian man. Rest in Peace JR

mike lagesse - August 31, 2018 at 03:47 PM

JE

“ *Our weekday mass participants will miss quiet and unassuming JR sitting in the back praying. He served his parish community in his quiet way. He will be missed. God bless him & keep him.*

jackie eberle - August 31, 2018 at 11:31 AM

CT

He was a good neighbor and always ready to help you in any way he could.

carole trill - August 31, 2018 at 11:40 AM

WN

“ *Good all-round guy. Fun with that quiet wit. Pipe smoking complement to his lovely wife, Pam. She did the talking and JR did the listening. It worked.*

William Norman - August 30, 2018 at 03:42 PM