



## Russell Matthew Bailey Sr.

May 3, 1944 - August 10, 2022

### RUSSELL'S JOURNEY

God has called one of His angels home to rest.

Russell Matthew Bailey Sr., the son of the late John Bailey, Sr. and Dorothy Bailey, was born on May 3, 1944, in Princess Anne, Maryland in Somerset County. He departed this life on August 10, 2022, at the age of seventy-eight (78). Russell was a trooper and a fighter to the end.

Russell, whom everyone loved, knew him as Matthew or Mac, attended the public schools of Somerset County.

He held employment at General Tire Corporation and Campbell Soup in Salisbury, Maryland and retired from Guy Farms in Hebron, Maryland after forty-eight (48) years of service. Russell enjoyed fishing, hunting, cooking and hanging out with his buddies. Russell was an open-hearted person who would open his door to anyone in need. He was a man of his word, he said what he meant and meant what he said. Russell taught all his nephews how to hunt, fish and drive. He was everyone's "Uncle Matt."

Russell leaves unforgettable memories with: his cherished wife, Charlotte Bailey of thirty-eight (38) years of marriage, both of whom have known each other a lifetime; his sons, Russell Bailey, Jr. and Russell M. Bailey II, both of

Somerset County and Christopher Bailey of Salisbury, Maryland; his daughters, Theresa Bailey and Pamela Bailey, both of Salisbury, Maryland and Nicole Drummond of Anne Arundel County, Maryland; two sisters, Diane Tilghman of Princess Anne, Maryland and Joyce (William) Hopkins of Millsboro, Delaware.

He also leaves behind to mourn their loss: seven sisters-in-law, Frances Shockley, Pamela (Dwaine) Shrieves, Cheryl (Sherwood) Ballard, Pecola White and Lena (Willis) Cottman, all of Salisbury, Maryland, Bonita (Derrick) Washington of Mardela Springs, Maryland and Faith (George) Gattis of Hebron, Maryland; four brothers-in-law, Dwight Dennis, David (Brenda) White and Terrance (Wanda) White, all of Salisbury, Maryland, and Reginald (Wendy) White of Fort Washington, Maryland; 15 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

May he rest in peace along side of his parents, John Bailey, Sr. and Dorothy Bailey; his four brothers, John, Jr., Rodney, Sr. Thomas and Robert Bailey, Sr., two sisters, Shirley and Phyllis Bailey and his two grandsons, Deontrae and Russell Bailey III. OH! What a time they are having with everyone together.

Sorrowfully Submitted ~ The Family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 19. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## Funeral Service

AUG 19. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Nicole Drummond lit a candle in memory of Russell Matthew Bailey Sr.* ”



Nicole Drummond - August 29, 2022 at 01:51 PM

CB

“ *Cassandra Bailey lit a candle in memory of Russell Matthew Bailey Sr.* ”



Cassandra Bailey - August 27, 2022 at 12:06 AM

LC

“ *Leslie Chester lit a candle in memory of Russell Matthew Bailey Sr.* ”



Leslie Chester - August 19, 2022 at 08:29 AM

FG

“ *Faith White Gattis lit a candle in memory of Russell Matthew Bailey Sr.* ”



Faith White Gattis - August 18, 2022 at 12:42 PM

FG

“ *My Uncle Matt is now resting in the arms of Jesus. We have to remember that it's not how we start the race but it's how you finish. I am so glad that Matthew found the Lord before leaving this earth. Rest in peace Uncle Matt until we meet again. You were my brother in law bur for some reason I called you uncle Matt. I remember all the times you would bring me tomatoes and things from the garden and how you would cook up something and I would just happen to stop by. You were a good country cook. Cooking deer burgers, coon and everything. Well enough said rest in peace my friend and brother.*

*Love Faith Gattis*

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**Faith White Gattis** - August 18, 2022 at 12:40 PM

DW

*I send condolences to Charlotte and family! Russell used to bring corn and melons to Elton and I. He was a good friend, and we enjoyed his company!*

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**Delores White** - August 18, 2022 at 07:10 PM