



## **BARRY MELVIN MATHIS SR.**

June 3, 1939 - January 9, 2026

MATHIS, SR., Barry Melvin, age 86, of Monroe, Ohio went to be with his Lord on Friday, January 9, 2026 at Hospice of Butler and Warren County where he had been a patient for four days. He was born June 3, 1939 in Middletown, Ohio and lived in the Miami Valley all his life. He graduated from Middletown High School Class of 1957. Barry was employed in the Mill at Diamond International for 7 years, and then in Research at A. K. Steel for 33 years. He also was employed for a time at U.T.S. Transportation Service. He was a softball umpire for 33 years, and an avid bowler and bowled in church leagues. Preceding him in death were his parents, Henry G. and Sadie L. (Dennis) Mathis; his first wife, Ruth Marie (Davies) Mathis in 2007; an infant son, Alan Wayne; granddaughter, Candy Mathis; one sister, Edna Ruthine; and two brothers, Vernal Eugene and Vinner Leon. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Sara Mathis; three children, Barry Mathis II, Douglas Mathis and Kevin Mathis; three step-children, Mark Cottongim, Roy Cottongim and Adam Cottongim; five grandchildren, Kelcie, David, Stephanie, Sara and Brianna; five great grandchildren, Aunalyn, Peyton, Gabriella, Theo and Ava; and several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Graveside services will be Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Woodside Cemetery, Middletown, Ohio in Section 10, Lot 455-C with Dr. Dan Flory officiating. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.herr-riggs.com](http://www.herr-riggs.com)



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Brenda Rosser lit a candle in memory of  
BARRY MELVIN MATHIS SR.*



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**Brenda Rosser** - January 13 at 07:28 PM

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*My condolences to the family*

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**Brenda Rosser** - January 13 at 07:30 PM