



# Maynard W. Matz

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**M**aynard W. Matz, 96 of Fort Myers, FL, died January 7, 2016 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Fort Myers. Funeral service will be 11:00 AM, Friday, January 22, 2016 at the Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33907. Family will gather with friends one hour prior to service time. Entombment will be at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Church at the Beach, PO BOX 533, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32170, or online at [www.ChurchAtTheBeachNSB.com](http://www.ChurchAtTheBeachNSB.com). Maynard was born Nov 13, 1919 in Fairfield County, OH, the son of, John R. and Hester G. (Peters) Matz. He was a WWII veteran of the US Army. On August 1, 1941, Maynard married, Alice M. Huffer, the love of his life of 74 years. The Matz family moved to Fort Myers from Brookville, Ohio, in 1958, when Maynard accepted a position at Inter-County Telephone Company. Maynard retired from a 21 year career at the City of Fort Myers as City Clerk – Finance Director from 1969 to 1990. He was highly regarded for his exceptional finance skills, his uncompromising ethics, and superior problem solving abilities. Under his guidance and foresight, he established the City of Fort Myers Non-Uniformed Employees Retirement Plan. He was instrumental in progressive City projects that included Centennial Park, a new Water Plant, Sewer Plant, Eastwood Golf Course, Harborside Convention Center, Shady Oaks Community Center, City Hall. Maynard was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, was a 33 degree member of Masonic Lodge #56, Scottish Rite, ARABA Shrine and the High 12 Club Lodge #423. Surviving are his wife Alice; his children Karen E. Dearen and her husband Robert of Coral Springs, Linda J. Johnston and her husband James of New Smyrna Beach, FL, John W. Matz and his wife Jean of Cape Haze, FL, Mary Ann Couris and her husband John of Los Angeles, CA; sister Betty Ann Heise of Amanda, OH; seven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Hazel, Martha and brothers, Paul,



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Neal and Bernard. The Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Maynard. Condolences may be left to Maynard's family at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com).



## Tribute Wall

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CH

**Charlette Hatch** posted:

Dear Matz Family –I was so very sorry to learn of your loss. Even though I had not seen Mr. Matz in quite some time, I still have fond memories of working across the hall from him at the telephone company in the early sixties I know he will be missed by many and I send sympathy to all. Fondly, Charlette (McClaran) Hatch

January 25 at 9:30 AM

NG

**Nona Gronau** posted:

Maynard always had a dry sense of humor. He was an honest city employee for many years. I belonged to Redeemer at the same time he was an active member. Because he was a member of the Masonic Lodge he arranged for Redeemer to worship there after they moved from their Broadway location. The lodge included the members in some of the social events they held there, such as the steak dinner. When he attended church he looked dignified. One July I was surprised to see him arrive at the Arcadia Rodeo in a cowboy hat. My prayers go out to his wife Alice, children and grandchildren. I'm so glad I met Alice in Publix last year and asked about how he was doing. Maynard will be greatly missed. Love, Nona Gronau

January 23 at 6:53 AM

DB

**Diane Bostick** posted:

My husband and I knew Maynard and Alice when we lived in Fort Myers as they were close friends with our friends the Abernathys. They were always very nice and we enjoyed knowing them. We have been away from Fort Myers for many years now but I know Maynard has done a wonderful job with the city and that he will be missed by many of his old friends. Diane and Curtis Bostick

January 17 at 9:39 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Maynard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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