



## Carl L. Matthews

October 27, 1939 - December 1, 2008

Carl Lee Matthews, age 69, of Drummond Island, Michigan passed away unexpectedly Monday evening, December 1, 2008 at War Memorial Hospital. Carl was born on October 27, 1939 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He graduated from Vicksburg High School with the class of 1958 and went on to attend Western Michigan University. On April 1, 1961, Carl married Sheila Irene Maxam in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He later joined the United States Army and was stationed for two years in Italy. Carl enjoyed reading, researching on the computer, fishing, and spending time on his boat. He also enjoyed target shooting and reloading ammunition. Over the years, Carl communicated by email with several people as they solo circumnavigated the globe (typically by sail). He loved snowmobiling and spending time with his snowmobiling buddies. Carl was a member of the Moose Lodge #2376. He is survived by his wife: Sheila Matthews of Drummond Island, MI; three children: Leora Kathleen (Cameron) Wright of Portage, MI, Danielle Lynne Matthews of Comstock, MI, and Lee Douglas (Debra) Matthews of Houghton, MI; 11 grandchildren: Tori, Emily, William, Lewis, Jaime, Jay, Jessica, Ashley, Donna, Stuart, and Garreth; and 2 great grandchildren: Jacob and Kaylie. Carl is also survived by his mother: Cora Anna Laura (Smith) Matthews of Kalamazoo, MI. He was preceded in death by his father: Raymond Harold Matthews. A memorial service will be held on Drummond Island in the spring of 2009. Burial will be at Drummond Island Cemetery. Memorials may be left to the Moose Lodge #2376, PO Box 373, Drummond Island, MI, 49726, to be used for the "Moose

Heart".

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Dear Sheila and family, we're so sorry to hear the news of Carl. It's hard to believe he's gone. Seems like we just saw him yesterday. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you in this sad time.

Fondly,  
Dave & Wendy Brown

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**Dave & Wendy Brown** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Hello Shelia,

*This is John Skillman, a high school friend of Carl. I send my condolences to you ... I know this must be a hard time for you. Carl and I spent a lot of time together in high school as we shared a love of Jazz and Science. I spent many an afternoon at his house listening to big Band Jazz records. Before that at an earlier age, we used to draw up plans for "Space Stations " and many other wild dreams. Neither of us became astronauts... but we sure thought about it!! We still have our dreams.*

*John*

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**john Skillman** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Sheila, I am deeply saddened to hear of your loss. I can't begin to know how you feel at this time. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. I hope my writing helps ease the pain of your loss. Sincerely, Judy

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**Judy Morton-Plowman** - December 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Sheila...we were saddened to read of Carl's passing...please accept our deepest sympathies...The Island has lost a great fellow...!!!*

*Jack & Caroline*

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**Jack & Caroline Banfield** - December 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *I never met Carl in person but we shared emails and postings on the Snowmobile web forums. We often had the same interests and opinions on Snowmobile topics many times and I feel like I lost a good friend. Godspeed Carl and I hope you always have rideable snow and a fun sled in Heaven. :)*

*- your friend 'Up Late'*

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**Rod Schoenfelder** - December 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM