



## Daniel James Matson

May 1, 1956 - November 30, 2018

Daniel James Matson, 62, of Havana, formerly of Chicago, Illinois and Glendale, California, passed away at St. John's Hospital in Springfield at 4:53 a.m. on Friday, November 30, 2018. He was born May 1, 1956, in Colorado, to Gilbert and Elvira (Hodek) Matson.

Mr. Matson is survived by his husband and partner of 25 years, Mark McGrew of Havana; one sister, DiAnn Matson of Ottawa, IL, niece Vikki Kitchen and nephew Jeremiah Matson. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Matson worked in the television industry for 40 years.

Cremation rites have been accorded and services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Havana Public Library. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel James Matson*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Becky Chaney lit a candle in memory of Daniel James Matson*



**Becky Chaney** - December 11, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ *Dan will be missed by a lot of people, including me. I went out to visit Mark and Dan in California a few years ago. Dan was a wonderful cook and we had good times, sitting and talking, watching old movies, and going to Hollywood. I was totally spoiled by the 2 of them. Dan was always willing to talk and listen. My heart goes out to my longtime friend, Mark. We are here for you, just let us know*



**Karen Elliott** - December 05, 2018 at 09:23 AM

VD

“Wow. Such sad and unexpected news. My heart goes out to Mark, my old neighbor and friend from our days in Carbondale. And to think we almost got to meet Dan last month. We never got to meet Dan in California but I know that Mark was so happy with him. Bruce Baker told me that Mark was really in a good place with Dan. S, so sorry! My friend, the late US Senator Paul Simon, whose presidential campaign I worked for, if I recall correctly, also died at St. John's Hospital after heart surgery. Dan was too young...just my age....and I know there will be a hole in Mark's heart forever. Dave and I send our deepest condolences and hope that we learn of the arrangements so perhaps we also can honor Dan later. Better late than never I guess. Hang in there in your pain Mark. God Bless.



Valeri DeCastris - December 03, 2018 at 07:09 PM

ML

“Melody Lynn lit a candle in memory of Daniel James Matson



Melody Lynn - December 03, 2018 at 08:44 AM

JM

“June Mahan lit a candle in memory of Daniel James Matson



June Mahan - December 02, 2018 at 05:21 PM

MF

“ *Mark, our thoughts and prayers to you at this difficult time.*  
*Mike and Kelly Flynn*

mike and kelly flynn - December 02, 2018 at 01:20 PM

KR

“ *KIM RUSSELL lit a candle in memory of*  
*Daniel James Matson*



KIM RUSSELL - December 01, 2018 at 09:20 PM

SV

“ *Stephanie Vaughn lit a candle in memory of*  
*Daniel James Matson*



Stephanie Vaughn - November 30, 2018 at 08:56 PM

MH

“ *Marla Hance lit a candle in memory of Daniel*  
*James Matson*



Marla Hance - November 30, 2018 at 08:38 PM


GF

“ *Gitana Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Daniel James Matson*



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**Gitana Fletcher** - November 30, 2018 at 06:47 PM

 Louise Mastrianno

“ *Dan was one of a kind. For me, always more of a brother than a cousin and as we grew up, my dearest friend. Ravinnia, kitchen adventures to many memories to name. One of our Christmas traditions was which one of us would be the first to eat the head of a spritz cookie camel. I called Dan last week and told him I just ate the camel's head! Rest in peace my beloved cousin, you will live forever in my heart.*

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**Louise Mastrianno** - November 30, 2018 at 05:51 PM