

Wallace Ray Mattson, 93, much loved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather and great-great grandfather and brother, died Nov. 23, 2020 at Oakhill Hospital in Brooksville, Florida.

Wallace was born in Cloquet, Minnesota on Feb 10, 1927. He was the middle son of Arthur Rudolph Mattson and Lembi Marie (Noppa) Mattson. His grandparents had emigrated to the United States from Finland. Arthur was the eldest of 12 children.

The family moved to Ohio then when General Motors factories were hiring in Flint, Michigan they moved and settled in a small house on Deland Rd in the Flint suburb of Flushing, Michigan.

He attended Flushing schools until he was 17, went to work at the Flint Chevrolet factory then joined the Army 1945. He was sent to Japan as part of the occupying forces. Was honorably discharged in 1947. Obtained the rank of Sergeant. He was very proud of being a World War II Veteran.

After returning home from the War he met the love of his life. She had moved only a few blocks from the home he grew up in. He married Alma May Barber. They both loved to dance and spent their time courting at the dances on Friday nights. They had 10 children. He worked at General Motors Chevrolet Plants for 30 years. He finished his degree and took other college courses through General Motors. He retired as an Inspection Supervisor in October 1976. After retirement they traveled and joined the many snowbirds by living in Boyne City, Michigan for summers and Florida for the winters. Later settling in Homosassa, Florida.

He is preceded in death by his wife Alma in 2016. They were married for 68 years. Also deceased are both parents, his brother Alvin Mattson, and 2 children, Bart Ray Mattson and Sally Ann McKinsey.

His surviving children are David Laurence Mattson (Judy), Kathie Marie Young, Linda Carol Davis (Brad), Joan Irene Wright, Gregg Wallace Mattson, Ginger Elaine Mattson, George Arthur Mattson, Wallace Ray Mattson II.

He has one surviving brother, Arthur Leroy Dewey Mattson (Donna), who now lives in Minnesota.

He also leaves 18 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, 7 great-great grandchildren, 1 nephew, 3 nieces, 4 great nephews and 1 great niece. He will be missed by many. For all of us have Wallace and Alma till they were both 93 years old was a blessing. Private cremation is under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, FL.