



## Joseph William Matter

April 23, 1924 - April 26, 2018

Joseph William Matter passed away on April 26, 2018, after a lengthy illness. Mr. Matter was born April 23, 1924, to parents, Harold and Margaret Miller Matter in Halifax, PA. He spent most of his early life in this small rural community in Pennsylvania. He met and married his wife, Betty Rettinger. Together they had two children. Joe was an active member of the community, a leader in church, school and scouting.

At 17 years of age, Joe joined the U.S. Navy at the beginning of World War II and ultimately became a member of the Scouts and Raiders, the first Naval Special Warfare Unit, which became the forerunner of the Navy Seals. He served in the Southern Pacific Theater during the war. Following World War II, Joe received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Penn State University. He became a rural mail carrier and later became a bank examiner for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board of Pittsburgh.

Following a career that took him to all parts of the country dealing with many problems in the banking industry, he retired in 1989 with his wife and moved to Cullman, AL to be near his son, Dr. James R. Matter, who has an established medical practice in the Cullman area. For most of his retirement, Joe had been bedridden and has received the excellent services of Comfort Care Hospice.

Mr. Matter was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Stephen Wagner; brothers, Paul Matter, Harold Matter; and a sister, Romaine Hoover.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Matter; son, Dr. James Matter; daughter,

Marcia Matter Wagner; grandchildren, Jay Matter, Joshua Matter, Justin Wagner; great-grandchildren, Joey Matter, Jimmy Matter, Finley Matter, Max Harman, Addie Wagner, Miller Wagner; sister, Velma Pennebaker; beloved caregiver, Mildred Gordon; and devoted pet cat, "Smokey".

A memorial service will be announced later by the family.