



## John L. "Sonny" Maton

April 16, 1935 - September 10, 2009

Arrangement are pending.

Cremation rights have been accorded.

John "Jack" Lawrence Maton, also known as "Sonny" "born in Pana on April 16, 1935, the son of John Maton and Grace Rasler Maton, died Arcadia, Florida September 10, 2009

Graduated Pana High School 1953, and from Eastern Illinois Univ., and University of Illinois Springfield with a Masters. Served in the Naval Reserves and the U.S. Air Force in Korea and Okinawa. Worked For NASA at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Al., the State of Illinois Springfield, Director of Data Processing at Waubense Community College in Aurora, Illinois and Steilacoon, Washington and St. Leo College, Florida. Moved from Illinois to Florida in 1987. He authored five books under the name of Sonny Maton while he lived in Florida.. He was married to Julie Hearn in 1963 and had three children, Jay Maton (Clearwater, Florida), Jan Maton Craddock (Newman, Illinois), and Jean Maton (deceased) and they divorced. He married Maria Santillan in 1997 and she survives. Grandchildren are Chelsea Craddock, Darien Craddock of Newman, Illinois and Kelly Maton and C.J. Maton of Clearwater, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Jean Nicole Maton.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors PC created a Tribute Video in memory of John L. "Sonny" Maton



Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors, P.C. - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I have met some of your fellow BKE members, such a great group of people both then and now. Such an honor to have known and been apart of BKE and read your book.

*Thank you for everything.*

anonymous - June 05, 2013 at 06:41 PM



“ Im sorry Jan, Chelsea, and Darian. Just have to think hes in a better place than here. Your memories will keep him with you forever!##imported-begin##Aimee##imported-end##

September 23, 2009 at 05:50 PM



“ To a Father I never knew - Rest in Peace##imported-begin##John Steven Maton##imported-end##

September 23, 2009 at 04:42 AM



“ *Those who attended Eastern are indebted to Sonny & Cy for writing "The Black Knights of the Embarrass". This is part of Illinois history and should not be excluded. I unfortunately was gone when it originated but knew several of its members. Some people are comparing him with Hemmingway!!! The good that men do often follows them. We will hear more of Sonny. I wish I could have known Sonny & to have been a Knight. Your friend Glen Winans* *###imported-begin##Glen Winans also attended Eastern* *###imported-end##*

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September 22, 2009 at 06:14 PM



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September 15, 2009 at 01:17 PM