

Charles (Chuck) L.R. Mattson Jr., 73, passed away peacefully on October 16, 2025, at his home in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Chuck was born on May 10, 1952, in San Diego, California, to Raymond and Betty Mattson. As the son of a military family, he spent his childhood traveling across the United States with his parents and his brother, Bill. After graduating from high school, Chuck proudly served in the U.S. Coast Guard for four years.

Following his service, he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Colorado. Chuck's early career included serving as a Teller County Commissioner in Colorado. A lifelong entrepreneur and small business owner, he was the proud publisher of the Ute Pass Courier, Black Forest and Cripple Creek newspapers. He also spent many years as an editor with Shepard/McGraw Hill Publications and later founded his own publishing company—a venture he deeply enjoyed.

On October 16, 1982, Chuck married the love of his life, Wanda. Together they raised their son, Daniel. Chuck was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. After becoming a grandfather, he embraced his role as “Papa” wholeheartedly. He was endlessly proud of his grandchildren—Tyler, Ryleigh, and Avery—and cherished every moment spent with them.

Chuck had many passions beyond work and family. A dedicated sports enthusiast, he especially loved baseball and tennis, and in his younger years, he was an avid snow skier. He also had a deep appreciation for the water and was an expert sailor, spending many happy days navigating boats with ease. He loved to travel, was an avid reader, and found joy in learning new things. Chuck was also a devoted member of First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs, where he found community and purpose.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 43 years, Wanda; his grandchildren, Tyler, Ryleigh, and Avery; and many loving nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Betty; his brother, Bill; and his son, Daniel.

Chuck was a man of deep faith and heartfelt convictions—always thoughtful, always true to what he believed. With a sharp mind and a gift for words, he expressed himself with clarity and passion. He loved his country, cherished his family, and stood by his friends with unwavering loyalty. At family gatherings, he always had a way of making everyone laugh, bringing warmth and joy to those around him. Those who knew him will remember not just what he believed, but the strength and sincerity with which he lived his life.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. The family kindly requests no flowers.