



Matthew J. Crehan

December 12, 1936 - January 24, 2023

Matthew J. Crehan age 86, died in his home at Westover Retirement Community on January 24, 2023. The son of Irish immigrants, Matt was born in New York City and grew up on 96th Street and Third Avenue. He is a graduate of Manhattan College, and a former Captain in the United States Marine Corps. In 1962, he married Sheila Ann Lynch. After military service, he attended New York University Graduate School of Business and worked in private industry prior to joining the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a special agent in 1964. In 1971, while working for the FBI, Matt received his law degree from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law. He left the FBI in 1972 to enter private law practice and became a senior trial and management attorney for the Hamilton law firm Baden, Jones, Scheper & Crehan. Matthew J. Crehan was first elected judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County in 1988 and served in that capacity until his retirement in January 2007, though he continued to serve as a Retired Assigned Judge and Mediator. In 1996 Judge Crehan received his Masters degree in Judicial Studies from the University of Nevada - Reno. Judge Crehan was preceded in death by his wife Sheila, who passed away in 2008. He is survived by two sons, Thomas and Kenneth, a daughter Elizabeth, and four grandchildren, Patrick, Jacob, Grace and Hank. An avid cyclist and sailor, Matt also enjoyed cross country skiing, scuba diving and traveling. The visitation will be held at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 NW Washington Blvd. in Hamilton on Friday, January 27, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at

St. Peter in Chains Catholic Church, 382 Liberty Avenue in Hamilton on Saturday, January 28 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in St. Stephen Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Joe Nuxhall Miracle League, P.O. Box 18146, Fairfield, OH, 45018-0146. Online condolences are available at www.weigelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Stephen Cemetery

1314 Greenwood Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45011

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Weigel Funeral Home
980 N.W. Washington Blvd.
Hamilton, OH 45013
(513) 892-1524
<https://www.weigelfuneralhome.com/>

A Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter in Chains Catholic Church
451 Ridgelawn Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45013

Tribute Wall



“ *Weigel Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew J. Crehan*



Weigel Funeral Home - January 26, 2023 at 04:47 PM

JS

“ *Thank you Matthew,
You saved my life in my time of need. I was 18 and was a victim of circumstances. As my representative in court you found the truth exposing my innocence in a crime I didn't commit. 50 years ago till this day I have never forgotten you.*

JSC - July 12, 2023 at 03:43 PM

LK

“ I am very sad to learn of the passing of Judge Crehan. Nearly 20 years ago, I worked as a magistrate in Butler County Common Pleas Court for a few of the many years that he served there as Judge. He was wise, kind and respected by everyone. When attorneys were not getting along in a case before him, he would set the hearing for very early the next morning, before anyone else who worked at the court even came in. Most fighting attorneys magically resolved their differences quickly so that they did not need to have that hearing, after all.

Judge Crehan was respected by all of us magistrates and by all the judges. You met him, noted his warmth, his intellect, his compassion for others, and you liked him instantly. God bless, Judge, may you rest in peace.

Lori Keating - January 29, 2023 at 08:25 AM

TC

“ We send our sincere sympathy to Tom.Kenny.Elizabeth on the death of your beloved dad Matt..we are delighted to have visited him in October and had a great few days with him..thanks to you Tom..Rest in Peace..From Tomas.Caitlin Crehan and family From Mountbellew Co Galway..,Ireland

Tomas and Caitlin Crehan. Mountbellew Co - January 28, 2023 at 06:12 AM

PH

“ To Tom, Ken & Elizabeth.
So sorry to hear about Dad passing. I/we shared visits & time with Matt over the last few years. He became a dear friend to Pat after many mornings @ the YMCA. We had many discussions about life, politics, traveling & many other things. He represented my dad for a few years as an attorney. He was a great lawyer and judge but most of all an awesome guy!! We will miss him a lot.
So glad he was Irish. 😊 Pat & Jennie Hogan.

Pat Hogan - January 27, 2023 at 06:21 PM

AE

“ I remember meeting Matt when we were walking past his house and noticed the Marine Corps flag proudly displayed on the front of the house. Matt was sitting on the front porch, so my husband, Michael, also a Marine veteran greeted him with a SEMPER FI. We chatted for a while and the two became fast friends. Both men enjoyed cycling, so Matt invited Mike to go for a ride with him. Mike was thinking a short ride was 10-12 miles or so. That first ride they did 35 miles and Mike learned a lesson about expectations. Some time later, Mike mentioned he was going to run in the Marine Corps Marathon. Matt asked where will you be staying? Mike said he didn't know yet. Matt asked, why don't you stay with my sister in Rockville? We did and she treated us like family. Matt was a good man and a good friend. We send our sincere condolences to the family. Aileen Engel & Michael Zwissler

Aileen Engel - January 27, 2023 at 11:48 AM

VD

“ We fondly remember Matthew as an attorney, judge, and friend. He was always friendly, always professional, always helpful, and always kind. He was just a wonderfully decent human being. Vicky and Don Daiker

Vicky and Don Daiker - January 27, 2023 at 11:16 AM

BD

“ Matt got me started in my handling of private adoptions in 1980. As a result of his guidance I have been able to help numerous couples throughout the years create families. For that, I will be forever grateful.

Bob Dumes

Bob Dumes - January 27, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew J. Crehan.



January 27, 2023 at 10:15 AM

LL

“ I met Judge Crehan early in my career as a lawyer. He was the preeminent trial lawyer in Butler County. My former boss, Jim Ruppert, had great respect for him. He became a judge. I didn't have many cases before him, but I felt I learned many lessons from him; most of them about living and how to treat people. He was brilliant and kind; a combination not always seen in our profession. Judge Crehan influenced me a great deal even though our contact was limited. Although I did not know his family well, I wanted to send my condolences to his family and close friends, and to pay my respects to a giant in our profession. After he retired, he said outside court I could call him Matt, but it never seemed proper. RIP, Judge Crehan.

Les Landen

Leslie Landen - January 27, 2023 at 09:53 AM

HF

“ Heather and Michael Felerski purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Matthew J. Crehan.



Heather and Michael Felerski - January 27, 2023 at 08:36 AM

MP

“ RIP Judge

Michelle Parsley - January 27, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew J. Crehan.



January 27, 2023 at 07:48 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Matthew J. Crehan.



January 26, 2023 at 09:25 PM

DM

“ Elizabeth, Tom & Ken we were saddened to read of your Dad's passing. What a great, sweet man. He and your Mom Sheila were the very best - kind, loving, compassionate, intelligent and fun! I'm sure you Mom is welcoming him with open arms! May he rest in eternal peace, and may your memories of him and a life so well lived help sustain you in this time of loss. Diane & David McClain

Diane R McClain - January 26, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ 101 files added to the album LifeTributes



Weigel Funeral Home - January 26, 2023 at 04:34 PM

MB

“ Matt was one of my father's best friends for over 50 years, with countless Cabin trips. The friendship continued within our families as I grew up with Matt's son Tom and was in a legal practice with Matt's son Ken for years. Matt/Judge then became my mentor when I was his law clerk and I continued to seek his advice as a lawyer, as I knew I was getting a "Master Class" education every time. There are so many ways our families intertwined and his absence will be great. Go Raibh Suaimhneas Síoraí Air

Michael Brandabur - January 26, 2023 at 04:28 PM

NG

I was a big fan of Matt! He was an accomplished athlete and every year when our family held a running/walking race called the Darrtown Invitational, Matt would participate on his bike. He was such a super nice man and I know that he will be missed a lot by his family and the many friends that he had here in Hamilton! Nancy Green

Nancy Green - January 26, 2023 at 05:06 PM

TB

“ *The Family of Helen & Michael Brandabur purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Matthew J. Crehan.*



The Family of Helen & Michael Brandabur - January 26, 2023 at 04:19 PM

DD

“ *I thought about Matt this morning as Sharon Kennedy was being sworn in as Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. I didn't realize he had passed a couple days prior. Sharon was Judge Crehan's law clerk. He was very proud of her accomplishments and I'm sure he was smiling this morning. My condolences to the Crehan family.*

Dottie Williamson Douglass

Dottie Douglass - January 26, 2023 at 12:29 PM

TL

“ *The Joe Nuxhall Miracle League purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Matthew J. Crehan.*



The Joe Nuxhall Miracle League - January 26, 2023 at 10:33 AM

AO

“ Matt was a great attorney, and awesome judge, but best of all a good and sincere friend. He got me to doing biking and he taught me a lot in my young practice years. He will be greatly missed.
Adolfo Olivas

Adolfo Olivas - January 26, 2023 at 10:17 AM

CS

“ Cousin Dónal & Sheila O Sullivan, Insebuí, Waterville, Co Kerry. Ireland
Our deepest condolences goes out to you Kenneth, Tom, Elizabeth, Grandchildren, Nephews & Niece on the sad passing of Matt. We have great memories of Matts visits with us here in Kerry. Matt was a man who never forgot his Irish roots, he was a genuine cousin, a true friend and good fun to be in company with. May Matts gentle soul rest in peace.

Cousin Donal & Sheila O Sullivan, - January 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM

M(

“ Marie, Pat & Cronin family, Insebuí, Waterville, Co Kerry. Ireland
Our deepest sympathy goes out to you, Kenneth, Tom, Elizabeth, all the extended Crehan & Fitzgerald families on the passing of Matt. I have very fond memories of all Matts visits to us in Kerry, Ireland.
May Matts gentle soul rest in peace.

Marie, Pat & Family (Cronin), - January 26, 2023 at 09:35 AM

JM

“ The Dan Murray Family sends condolences to the Crehan Family. Matt was an amazing person and what a remarkable life! Dan had the honor of being Matt's bailiff for 10 years. We are mourning his passing and sending healing prayers to the entire Crehan family.
Sincerely, Judy Murray

Judy Murray - January 26, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew J. Crehan.*



January 25, 2023 at 10:08 PM



“ *To the Crehan Family,*

Sincere sympathy to the Family. Such a great man his Honor. Rest in Eternal Peace.

Teresa and Doug Crawford - January 25, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew J. Crehan.*



January 25, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ *Such a wonderful man and a great advocate for his daughter. He will be missed .Connie Mehlman*

Connie Mehlman - January 25, 2023 at 12:14 PM