

## **Ralph Martell Matthews**

Ralph Martell Matthews, 73, of Jacobs Mountain Road, Franklin, passed away Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, at a local nursing facility.

Born in Weymouth, Mass., he was the son of the late Ralph Stanley and Leslie Martell Matthews. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Janet.

He worked in wholesale pharmaceuticals for the Gulf Drug Company in Miami, Fla., for 37 years. He was a member of the Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Franklin.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Audrey Hill Matthews; three daughters, Audrey Li and husband, Luis, Elizabeth Carrier and husband Michael, all of Miami, and Julie Chaplin of Homestead, Fla.; three sons, Ralph William Matthews and wife Suzin of Franklin, James Matthews and wife Laura of Titusville, Fla., and Fred Matthews and wife Lory of Miami; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 11 a.m., at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. The Rev. Matthew Kauth will officiate.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family received friends Monday, Feb. 20, from 6 to 7 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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