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Robert L. Mattax

Ossian - 1954-2002

Robert L. Mattax, 47, of Ossian, who served as Ossian chief of police, died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2002, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton.

The Savannah, Ga., native had been a member of the police department since 1978 and had worked part-time at Ace Hardware in Bluffton. He attended Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton. His hobbies were auto rebuilding and music. Surviving are his wife, Linda; sons Robert L. of Muncie and Stephen J. of Bluffton; stepsons Kyle and James Rinker, both of Gas City; a stepdaughter, Laurissa Rinker of Gas City; his parents, Robert L. and DeLee of Bluffton; and a brother, Brad of Fort Wayne. Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton, with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian. Burial will be at Backesto Cemetery, Adams County. Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Foundations in Washington, D.C.

Information provided by Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian, 622-4114.