



## Dr. Neville Matthews

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Father, husband, son, grandfather, great grandfather, brilliant leader, educator, general conference executive, college and university president, teacher, minister. I love you, dad Matthews. Gwen Matthews and I shall miss you always. You lived an exemplary life and passed peacefully at 1:30 AM 2/16/13.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I went to school at CUC (Canadian Union College) from '59-66'. I took math in grade 10 (the second time around) from Neville Matthews. It was geometry. When he entered the classroom on the first day with that big smile of his, he made the announcement that "in this class there will be no problems; we will specialize only in opportunities." We were all thrilled about having no problems and asked him; "Whats an opportunity?" His response: "Glad you asked" and turned to the blackboard and wrote the first line: THEOREM 1. He wrote out the whole theorem and ended with QED...quite easily done. It took me some 20+ years to figure out what he was saying...The difference between a Problem and an Opportunity is Attitude...and Attitude is the Ultimate Freedom. This is the most important thing I learned during my formal education. He stopped by my office a couple of times when he came to Michigan and I count him as one of the two true geniuses that I have been privileged to know in my life. The other was Elden Chalmers.

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