



Mathews Snell

March 10, 2026

Matt Snell, former running back for the New York Jets who scored the teams only touchdown in Super Bowl III, passed away from natural causes on March 10th, 2026, in East Meadow, New York at the age of 84.

Born July 22nd, 1941, in Swainsboro, Georgia, Matt grew up in Locust Valley, New York on Long Island. He attended Carle Place high school where he was a three-year starter on the football team where today he is remembered in the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

After high school Matt went on to play football for legendary coach Woody Hayes at the Ohio State University, where he played multiple positions and was a key player in the teams 1961 Big Ten Championship victory.

After graduating from Ohio State Matt was drafted by the New York Jets of the AFL in 1964, where he went on to win AFL Rookie of the Year, the first of three years in which he was an AFL All-Star pick. But he is best known for his performance in Super Bowl III where he rushed for 121 yards on 31 carries and had 3 receptions for 40 yards as the Jets upset the highly favored Baltimore Colts 16-7. In 2015 Matt was inducted into the New York Jets ring of honor.

After football Matt went on to work various fields. He owned a restaurant, a

liquor store. He was a partner in Defco Securities. He finally settled in the construction industry in New York City where he owned Snellco Construction and later S.C.I. Ltd. where his company primarily did general contract work for the Dormitory Authority of the state of New York and the New York City School Construction Authority.

Matt is survived by his wife Sharon; his children Beau and Jada; his grandson Donte; and his siblings Dorothy Robinson of Lakeview, New York, Viola O'Neal of Houston, Texas and Isaac Snell of Chicago, Illinois and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to Roslyn Heights Funeral Home
Cremation is private.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Jada Snell lit a candle in memory of Mathews Snell* ”



Jada Snell - April 18 at 10:12 PM

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Jada Snell - April 01 at 07:34 PM

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Jada Snell - March 25 at 10:45 PM

GF

“ I first met Matt in H.S. I cannot tell you how many hours we spent talking about everything and nothing. Through good times and bad our friendship survived distance and time. Matt once joked, the only person I have known longer is my mother! Matt was more than a fantastic football player. He was a fabulous Dad, loyal friend, resilient, and steady. I send sincere condolences to his entire family. I will miss you my dearest friend,
Gail Fuehrer

Gail Fuehrer - March 15 at 04:24 PM

MB

“ I met Mat as a very young girl i was maybe 5 years old when he came to Michigan to see my parents I still remember that visit vividly he was such a presence . My father played football with Mat at carle place and he and my parents stayed close for the next almost 60 years and they charished your friendship . You will be missed ..I hope you and daddy are talking football and keeping each other company . Monica Fuehrer...here are just a few of the original newspaper articles from his high school days



Monica Buzas - March 15 at 03:49 PM

DR

“ To my brother Matt. I remember the times I had to drive our parents to Shea Stadium, fighting all that traffic just to see you play. Mom really enjoyed the game. Those were the coldest days of the year. I will always remember your speaking engagements at my church, The United Nations Tea. Everyone was always very excited to see you. You will be missed. Love you always. Your sister Dot.

Dorothy Robinson - March 14 at 02:33 PM

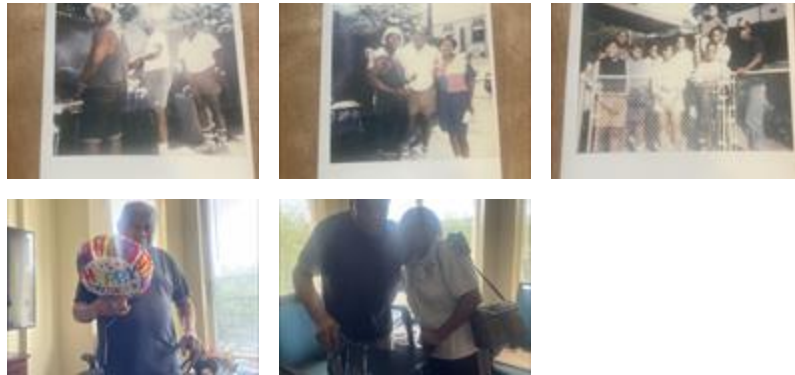
MR

I remember going to the football games at Shea Stadium to see my uncle Matt play. I went with my parents and grandparents. It was fun, but sometimes it was very cold. To this day I still watch football. I remember going to my uncle's house in New Rochelle. It was a big house and very beautiful. When we went outside, he had woods in the back of the house. You would see critters running around. He also had a creek, Uncle Matt would keep very large goldfish in it. Lastly I remember Uncle Matt coming to our family Reunion/ Cookout every year. It was always great to see him. He always had great stories to tell. Uncle Matt you will be missed. Love you ❤️

Millicent Robinson - March 16 at 04:03 PM

TR

“ To the man who gave me my name, Terri. Not Theresa just plain ole Terri. Lol. I didn't visit you as often as I would have liked cause I know how you felt about having company. But know you will be missed. Love you uncle Matt. RIP ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏



Terri Robinson - March 14 at 01:53 PM

MR

I remember going to Shea Stadium to see my Uncle Matt play football. It was fun, but sometimes it was very cold. To this day I still watch football. I also remember Uncle Matt coming to our family cookouts every year. He enjoyed it as much as I did. He would bring Tupperware so he could take home some of that good food. Uncle Matt you will be missed. Love you ❤️

Millicent Robinson - March 16 at 04:33 PM

EH

“ *Elliot Houston lit a candle in memory of Mathews Snell*



Elliot Houston - March 13 at 03:48 PM

JS

“ *Daddy... what else can I say except that I will forever be your little girl! I love you and will hold you in my heart forever.*

Jada

Jada Snell - March 13 at 03:40 PM

SB

“ *Im sending my condolences to the family blessings S.I.P King Snell*

Shawn Curtis aka burga - March 13 at 03:40 PM