



Charles Luther Mathis

September 25, 1943 - February 15, 2017

Charles Luther Mathis has gone to be with his family and friends that left this world before him. Charles was born on September 25, 1943 to Martin Luther Mathis and Ophelia Reaves Mathis in Houston, TX and moved to Phelps, TX when he was six years old. He graduated Huntsville High School in 1962 and served in the US Army from 1965-1967 where he was stationed in Africa. After being honorably discharged from the Army and coming home, he went to work for Gibbs Ranch. He met Elaine at the Café Texan and married her May 31, 1968. They were married for 43 years before she left this earthly home in 2011. Charles went to work for the City of Huntsville in April 1970 and retired from there as a Water Plant Supervisor, after 30 years of service. Charles was preceded in death by his father and mother, his brothers Clayton and Marvin Mathis, his sister-n-law, Pat Mathis, his wife, Elaine Mathis, his sister-n-law, Rose Mathis and brother-n-law, Bobby Conner. He is survived by his sisters, Gwen Conner, Martha and husband, Bobby Hoke; sister-n-law and husband, Edwina & Tommy Oliver; brother-n-law and wife, Bill & Linda Carter; sister-n-law, Earleen Strunk; daughter and husband, LeWanda & Tim Martin; daughter and boyfriend, Holly Beaird & Rumaldo Monjaras; son and girlfriend, Charles E Mathis & Dawn Gatewood; and daughter, Sara Mathis all of Huntsville. He is also survived by his grandsons, Timothy and Zachary Martin, Dustin Beaird, Charles E Mathis II, and granddaughter, Mackenzi Beaird; bonus grandkids, Precious Gatewood, Jaelin and Jayden Davis and several cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and special friends Jeannette Lawrence, Wayne Lawrence,

Barbara Tate, Jessie Stephenson and Jason Pierce.

Charles loved his horses. He named them all and he'd call them up when it was time to feed. If he wasn't messing with his horses, you could find him helping other people with their yards and other things. He enjoyed working in the yard or anything outside. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and Elaine's forever Valentine. His sister, Gwen says, "My little brother, Charles, was a very special person. He was a quiet, gentle man. He was hard working and very intelligent.

When he did a job, you can be certain it was done as good as possible. He had high morals, truth and integrity. He may not have said much, but when he spoke it meant something. He was a deep thinker and an honorable man. His children and family are blessed to have been honored with his presence. My sister, Martha and I will miss him terribly, but have many happy memories of past times!" He really enjoyed being with his family and most recently, Lil Charlie was the light in his eyes. That light went out on February 15, 2017, peacefully in his home.

He will be laid to rest next to Elaine at Blackjack Cemetery. Pallbearers are John, Clay, Roy and Mark Mathis, Robert Dawson and Lee Beard. Honorary pallbearers are Jason Pierce, Harley Lovings and Jim Whipple. Officiating the services will be Rev. Michael Hunt of Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Church, where Charles was a faithful parishioner.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM till 8:00 PM on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 19, 2017 in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Interment will follow the service at BlackJack Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Black Jack Cemetery

Black Jack Rd
Huntsville, TX 77340

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
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Service

FEB 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Luther Mathis*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - February 16, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ *Charles Luther Mathis*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

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“ *Uncle Charles was a good, kind, and gentle man. In my experience, he was always pleasant, smiled often, and had a wonderful Mathis giggle. If life came at you sideways, Uncle Charles was someone who would always lend a hand, and never make you feel like it was an imposition, even when you knew it really was. That man loved horses and fishing as much as anyone I've known. He enjoyed hard work. There were the permanent marks of smiling and laughter written in his face, and there was a twinkle in his eyes. I always enjoyed a chance to spend time visiting with him. You might have to work just a bit to keep him talking, but he was comfortable just to spend time with family and friends. I last saw him at our family reunion. He was sitting out back in the afternoon sunshine with a few of the guys. As they had to leave one by one, Charles stayed. He didn't say much, but then, he never had to. He said it all by his smile, his laugh, his handshake, his love, his life. Goodbye, Charles. You've left the world richer by your time here, and we all know the world has lost one of its real treasures. But you're not really gone, are you? You just went ahead to a better place. We'll miss you.*



Barry Conner - February 19, 2017 at 02:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Luther Mathis.*



February 17, 2017 at 09:12 PM

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“ Prayers for each of you. May your memories give you peace and comfort.



Bridgette Neeley Clay - February 17, 2017 at 09:00 PM

DC

“ Dajuana Chimney lit a candle in memory of Charles Luther Mathis



Dajuana Chimney - February 17, 2017 at 06:43 PM

EA

“ Edd & Terry Artherholt lit a candle in memory of Charles Luther Mathis



Edd & Terry Artherholt - February 17, 2017 at 02:04 PM

TC

“ THE CHAMPAGNE FAMILY. ALLINE GERRY ERIC LAURIE JEFF CHRISTY purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Luther Mathis.



THE CHAMPAGNE FAMILY. ALLINE GERRY ERIC LAURIE JEFF CHRISTY - February 17, 2017 at 12:29 PM

 Sheri
Baldwin

“ *Lewanda, Holly, Sara and Charlie, I am so sorry for your loss. What a great man he was. I can remember the many times I spent at your house he would hardly say a word but he always had that smile on his face. I will always remember his smile. Cherish all the special memories you had with him. Praying for peace and comfort. Hugs to y'all.*

Sheri Baldwin - February 16, 2017 at 10:39 PM

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“ *Tamara Dixon lit a candle in memory of Charles Luther Mathis*



Tamara Dixon - February 16, 2017 at 04:00 PM

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“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



Tamara Dixon - February 16, 2017 at 02:24 PM

MC

“ *It was always a pleasure to visit with Charles when ever our paths crossed. He would bring me up to date with Martha & the rest. He was a very honorable man.*

Mark Chalker - February 16, 2017 at 02:09 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Tamara Dixon - February 16, 2017 at 01:55 PM

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Tamara Dixon - February 16, 2017 at 01:38 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Tamara Dixon - February 15, 2017 at 08:35 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Tamara Dixon - February 15, 2017 at 08:26 PM