



Elaine Mathis

September 26, 1950 - December 29, 2011

Elaine Mathis was born September 26, 1950 in Walker County and has gone to be with her family that left this world before her to be in a better place. She passed away December 25, 2011. She graduated from Huntsville High School in 1969. Elaine was working at Cafe Texan and met Charles there while waiting on him and his co-workers. They went together one month and nine days and were married on May 31, 1968 . They were married for 43 years. Elaine worked for the school district for 15 years. In 1998 she went to work for TDCJ as a Sergeant, then transferred to inmate transportation. She retired from TDCJ October 2010 and went back to driving a school bus for Huntsville Independent School District. Elaine was preceded in death by her father Frank and mother Alice Carter. She is survived by husband Charles, 3 daughters, LeWanda Martin and husband Tim, Holly Beard and Sara Mathis, one son Charles E. Mathis, all of Huntsville; three grandsons, TJ and Zach Martin and Dustin Beard, one granddaughter Mackenzi Beard all of Huntsville; two sisters, Edwina Oliver and husband Tommy, Earleen Strunk; one brother William (Bill) Carter and wife Linda all of Huntsville. She is also survived by a host of friends, nieces, nephews and special friends Vicki and John Jones, Carlene Taylor, Jeanette Lawrence, Nana & Jeanie Williams and Bobbie Porter. Pallbearers are John Mathis, Roy Mathis, Mark Mathis, Clay Mathis, Robert Dawson and Lee Beard. Honorary Pallbearers are Jason Pierce, Harley Lovings and Donnie Knickerbocker. Services will be Thursday, December 29, 2011 @ 10:00AM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home

Chapel with Rev. Paul Morris officiating. The family will receive friends Wednesday, December 28, 2011 from 6-8 PM at SHMFH Chapel. Burial will be at Black Jack Cemetery. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Elaine Mathis*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *...a beautiful woman... my prayers are with you all...*

Angela Bruce - December 30, 2011 at 04:35 PM



“ *Mathis Family we are so sorry for your loss. Praying for you during this difficult time.*

The Soto Family - December 30, 2011 at 03:02 PM



“ *Mathis family... Your wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother will be missed. She was very loving and gave of herself to anyone that needed help. Elaine was my valued friend and I am saddened that I could not be at the funeral. But being the angel that she is now, she knows the reason and I am sure I am forgiven. May you all find comfort in knowing she is with her Lord & Savior, awaiting the 'great reunion' with her family and friends.*

Patricia Shelly - December 30, 2011 at 01:11 PM

JG

“ Sorry to hear of your loss, you have our deepest sympathy in the loss of Elaine. I met a few times with my good friends Peggy & Randy Reynolds. She always greeted me as if we were old friends:)She was a very nice lady , may Father God send His Holy Spirit, "the Comforter" to bring you peace! Love in Christ Jesus, Cindy & Jack Goodwin and family

Jack & Cindy Goodwin - December 29, 2011 at 11:38 PM

DK

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Elaine was a wonderful individual who shared her smile with all those she met.

Dianne Duncan Key - December 29, 2011 at 10:03 PM

DR

“ I am so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. We are praying for your family in this time of sorrow. May her memories bring you happiness.

Debbie Ray - December 29, 2011 at 05:50 PM

CB

“ I knew Elaine as Reba back in high school. Her smiles and laughter will never be forgotten. Prayers to her family.

Carolyn Baker - December 29, 2011 at 03:04 PM

KR

“ Charles so sorry to hear about Elaines passing just found out this morning. She was such a sweet person. My thoughts and prayers are with you and family.

karen reaves - December 29, 2011 at 10:14 AM

MF

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my prayers.

Mellicent Wiley & Family - December 29, 2011 at 09:23 AM

NB

“ Sara, I'm sorry for your loss. Your mom was a sweet person and always smiling. You and your family are in my prayers.

Nicole Boston - December 29, 2011 at 08:20 AM

ER

“ Uncle Charles, LeWanda, Holly, Sara and Charlie... I am so saddened over the loss of Aunt Elaine and cannot even begin to imagine what you guys might be feeling. Aunt Elaine was unforgettable... I will never forget her voice, her smile and her sense of humor. My ONLY fond memory of riding the bus while in school was when I would step onto the bus and see my Aunt Elaine there! I would always sit right behind her and chat with her during the ride. She was always thoughtful and though she had only met my husband (once... I think) she even sent him birthday cards! I will miss the cards and the chance to see her at the reunions. I pray that you guys can find peace and comfort during all of this. I love you each...

Erin Dixon Rivera - December 29, 2011 at 12:34 AM

SK

“ Life is so very unpredictable. Elaine was such a nice person and always had a kind word and a smile anytime we met and it was nice to see her smiling face and wave as she passed my house. I wish there was something I could do to ease the pain your family is feeling right now.

Although we miss those who leave us here on earth, may we take comfort in knowing that we shall all one day be together again with our Lord and Savior. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends.

Sherry Richardson and Katie - December 28, 2011 at 07:58 PM

RT

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for comfort and peace for you and your family at this time.

Robert Twardeski - December 28, 2011 at 04:06 PM

JM

“ Charles Mathis & family we would like to send our condolences to you and your family. May the comfort of God help you during this difficult time. Our prayers goes out to your family. God Bless.

From: Joe & Wanda Massey

Joe Massey - December 28, 2011 at 02:45 PM

JJ

“ Charles, LaWanda, Holly, Sara and Charlie, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Elaine was a sweet person and had such a beautiful smile. Just know she is in the arms of Jesus and feeling no pain. You will always have the happy memories you made with her and some day will all be together again.

Jearl & Carolyn Johnson - December 28, 2011 at 01:19 PM

HF

“ Holly, Dustin, Kenzi, Sara, and family, I was so sorry to hear of Elaine's passing. She was so much fun to be around, always had a smile on her face and an honest to goodness little spitfire :) I get tickled every time I think of her keeping Ravyn and Dustin in line when they were little. Elaine and the rest of your family always made me and mine feel like we were a part of y'all. I know she is in a better place now and can no longer feel any pain but my prayers are with you because I know how much you will miss her here.

Helen Goodson and Family - December 28, 2011 at 12:36 PM

GT

“ Charles and Family, I am so so sorry to learn of Elaine's passing. No one knows better than you and your family what a wonderful person she was. She was a perfect example of what a mother and wife is suppose to be. God Bless each and every one of you.

Grace Turner - December 28, 2011 at 12:26 PM

AA

“ Sara, your mom was a Godsend to you and everyone else. She was always happy and her smile just made you feel like you've known her forever.
I can't imagine the pain you are going through right now, but just know that your mom is in a better place, free from pain, and cradled in our Heavenly Father's arms. The angel she was on earth now has 10 times more power being the angel she is in heaven. She's in a place to where she can take care of all her family and friends and can be with you forever in your heart. Just know that she is always there for you and always with you. May God take continue to take care of you and your family. My prayers are with you always.

Angela , Derrick, Dannika, and Aralynn - December 28, 2011 at 12:06 PM

SF

“ Charles, Lawanda and Holly, Charlie and Sarah, WOW, I am in shock. Your momma was one of a kind. I can remember when the three of us girls had matching dresses and our pictures taken. She always had time for me to come over and play. She was always good to me and my family. My heart aches for you as I know the pain you are going through. You girls or your dad need anything please feel free to call me....facebook me and whatever...I love y'all..Susan

Susan Floyd - December 27, 2011 at 08:11 PM

LM

“ so sorry for your loss you are in our prayers. mike and lawanda morgan

lawanda morgan - December 27, 2011 at 06:48 PM

TD

“ Uncle Charles, LeWanda, Sara, Holly and Charlie, you are all in our prayers. I know you miss her already. We will all miss her very much. Aunt Elaine always had a smile and warm hug. I don't think I ever saw her that she didn't ask me about Josh. We love you all.

Tammy & Roger Dixon - December 27, 2011 at 06:11 PM

KK

“ Sara, you are in my thoughts and prayers. your mom did not mind being "mom" to all of us. She will be missed by many but most by you and your family. "mom" was a little power house here on earth..soooooo you know she is now a strong angel looking down on & watching over those she loved and love you she did. If I can do anything please let me know. Love & hugs, Kathy.

Kathy Kent - December 27, 2011 at 05:16 PM

SL

“ I went to Huntsville High School with Elaine and we had daughters the same age, so we were always running into each other at school functions. Now that our daughters are grown, I didn't see her as much anymore except maybe in the grocery store or Walmart, but she was always smiling and happy to see me and we would catch up on each others lives with just a short conversation. She talked about her grandchildren and I told her my sad story about not having any grandchildren and not expecting to have any and she always said, "You can borrow one of mine anytime." Now, I have a grand-daughter and I never got to tell her and let her see my joy and I really regret that, because she was always so sincere in feeling sorry for me. A kind person, a good mother and grandmother and a special kind of friend. What a loss and to all her children, especially Holly who used to be so close to my family, I wish you happy memories of your mother.

Sandra Lillard - December 27, 2011 at 04:05 PM

CR

“ My sweet Sara, my heart is breaking for you. There are no words to say at this time but rest assure my love, that your mom is in the sweet loving arms of Jesus and is finally home. My love and prayers are with you.

Christy Rawson - December 27, 2011 at 03:50 PM

TH

“ Charles, Lawanda, Holly, Charlie and Sara,
My prayers are with your family. Your Mom was a sweet and wonderful lady but she is with God safe in his arms where she always strived to someday be. The Hammonds, Dewayne, Tina, Rylie and Ethan

Tina and Dewayne Hammond - December 27, 2011 at 03:06 PM

KB

“ Charlie and Family, my deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother and wife. Elaine was a kind, affectionate, compassionate, and thoughtful woman. On behalf of myself and the rest of the team at RS in Huntsville, may peace be within all of your hearts thinking of the great memories of such a fantastic lady.

Kim & Team

Kim Brewer - December 27, 2011 at 02:59 PM

BC

“ Charles, LeWanda, Charlie, Holly, and Sara, I'm so sorry to learn of your loss. I love you, and will keep praying for you all, and for all your family.

Barry Conner - December 27, 2011 at 02:34 PM

KM

“ Sorry to hear about Elaine. My condolences to the Mathis family.

Kay Machala - December 27, 2011 at 01:58 PM

LS

“ I too went to school with Elaine, though I remember her as Reba. Yes, she was always smiling and happy. Yes, we all know that she has gone on to Heaven where she deserves to be. My thoughts and prayers will be with her family.

Lydia Martinez Horsley Schraeder - December 27, 2011 at 01:02 PM

JF

“ Charlie and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Justin Miller and Family - December 27, 2011 at 12:56 PM

JB

“ Holly, Mckenzi, Dustin & Sara,
I am so very sorry for the loss of your mother/grandmother. She had been sick for so long and just glad that she is finally free from the pain. She is now resting & at peace with our heavenly Lord. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers! God Bless...
Jamie Brinegar & family

Jamie Brinegar - December 27, 2011 at 11:56 AM

BH

“ Sara, we were so sorry to hear about your mom. We are praying for you and your family during this time of sorrow. May the peace of God be with you.

Beverly, Larry, Matthew & Marc Hedgecock - December 27, 2011 at 11:39 AM

DE

“ Charles and family I am so sorry to hear of Elaine's passing. I never saw her without that beautiful smile.

Dana Eckles - December 27, 2011 at 11:36 AM

SH

“ Sara, Lawanda and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. She was such a sweet lady. Everytime I saw her she was wearing a smile. My thoughts and prayers will be with the family.

Stephanie Hightower - December 27, 2011 at 10:19 AM

AL

“ Sara and family,
I am so sorry to hear about your mom. Please know that all of you are in my prayers. Just remember Elaine is in God's arms now and not in pain any more. May God keep all of you.

Ann Lender

Ann Lender - December 27, 2011 at 09:38 AM

JP

“ Charles and the entire Mathis family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Our lives have been forever touched by knowing Elaine. She truly had a beautiful spirit and a thoughtful, kind heart. May God's peace be with you. Jason, Amy, and Morgan Pierce

Jason and Amy Pierce - December 26, 2011 at 09:03 PM

SB

“ Charles, Lawanda, Holly, Sara and Charlie,
I am so sorry to hear about Elaine. Oh the many memories I have with the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sheri

Sheri Stanford Baldwin - December 26, 2011 at 08:45 PM

LT

“ An angel is in Heaven now. Elaine will be missed by many but never forgotten. I'm glad I had the opportunity to know her. Sara, Holly, Lewanda, Charlie and Charles- Peace be with you.

Lisa & Wayne Townsend - December 26, 2011 at 07:00 PM

BN

“ Charles, LaWanda, Holly, Sara and Charlie, Gwen, Martha and the entire extended Mathis family. You are all in prayers. A sweet lady is gone, but will be remembered. She was always happy, a good Mother and hard worker. Peace be with Elaine and the family. I am sure she and Mother have a lot to share and memories to talk about with Papa and Nana Mathis, along with Clayton, Marvin and Pat. God be with you all.

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - December 26, 2011 at 05:04 PM

PR

“ Charles, Sara, Holly, LaWanda, and Charlie-our deepest condolences to you all. We love you and are praying for you. May God be with you and bring you peace over the loss of Elaine. She is in the arms of her Savior, Jesus Christ. No more pain. It is our blessing that we knew her and loved her.

Peggy & Randy Reynolds - December 26, 2011 at 04:50 PM