



## Louis Edward Mathis, Jr.

June 21, 1953 - October 26, 2009

Louis Edward “Eddie” Mathis Jr. was born on Father’s Day on June 21, 1953, and died October 22, 2009. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, his mother-in-law, Doris Wenglar, and his father Louis Mathis. He is survived by his mother Nawvis Mathis, wife Debbie Mathis, and children, Clint (Nancy) Maxwell, Lance Maxwell and fiancée Jill Worchesik, Amy (Scott) Peterson, and Brad Mathis. He is also survived by four grandchildren, sisters Dona (Curtis) Skains and Joy (Cecil) Addison, and numerous nephews and nieces. Being born on Father’s Day was not only a gift to his father, but to all of those who knew him. Born in Pasadena, he grew up in Madisonville, TX. His love for sports started with basketball and baseball in school and football with friends. He worked at Snooky’s and Evans Groceries as a bagger during high school and college. He graduated from Madisonville High in 1971. He attended Sam Houston State University where he received an undergraduate in History. During that time, he worked as a prison guard for TDC. He later went on to work for Brown Oil Tools and then returned to TDC Administration. In 1995, he began his career with the Walker County probation office, where he served as the Deputy Director and Special Projects Coordinator of the Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department. He was never afraid to lend a helping hand to anyone who asked. Whether it was coaching little league baseball games, helping out around the farm, volunteering with his church, or simply mowing the lawns around the neighborhood, it was not in his nature to shy away from work that

had to be done. His strong work ethic was due in part to the selflessness of his character. He always put the needs of others ahead of his own and had the strength to do so because he genuinely cared about all of the people in his life. It was hard not to be touched by his generosity and rare to see him without a smile on his face. His family and friends were his greatest love and meant the world to him. Grandkids looked forward to visiting their grandpa, who would always be there with candy and offering rides on top of his shoulders. At any family get together you would find him either talking about how bad or good the Cowboys were doing that year or sitting with family in a game of forty-two, commenting on how bad his opponents were cheating and grinning all the while. If you ever needed advice about anything, he would lend a kind yet thoughtful ear and spoke whole heartedly with every word. It was in his nature to be genuine as well as wise, which are characteristics that cannot be taught - you must be born that way. He had the qualities of a man that anyone would strive to live up to and taught us the value of love, generosity of heart, that family comes first, and good friends last forever. His warm heart and strong presence will be missed but not forgotten. In lieu of flowers contributions may be sent to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center: Nellie B. Connally Fund- In Memory of Louis Edward Mathis Jr., P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77230. 1-800-525-5841. [www3.mdanderson.org/devoffice/](http://www3.mdanderson.org/devoffice/) Services will be held Monday, October 26 at 10:00am in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, TX. Visitation will be Sunday, October 25 from 5 – 8:00PM at the funeral home. Burial will be at Jozye Cemetery in Madisonville, TX. Pallbearers will be Mike White, Jim Locke, J.R. Sims, Leroy Wilkinson, Leonard Haley and David Baker. Memorial condolences may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Louis Edward Mathis, Jr.*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Mrs. Mathis*

*If the son is a reflection of the father, then Louis must have been a good man. Brad was one of the first players/students to befriend our family when Mark was visiting SU. We enjoyed the short time we knew Mr. Mathis and we wish you and your family God's peace and love.*

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**The Noggle Family** - November 17, 2009 at 03:53 PM



“ *Mrs. Mathis and Brad, I cannot tell you how sorry I am for your loss. Brad, I do not know what to say but I am thinking about you and your family. You will all continue to be in my prayers.*

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**Chelsey Jones** - November 03, 2009 at 01:20 PM



“ *Debbie, I am so sorry to hear of Eddie's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. If you ever need someone to talk to know that I'm always available.*

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**Connie Bures Bram** - October 30, 2009 at 06:07 PM

WC

“ Mrs. Mathis...I got to the funeral and heard the service, including Brad's heartfelt remarks. Sorry I did not get to see you but I hope you knew I was there. Eddie was a good friend to me and I enjoyed our many chats at baseball games as, indeed, I always enjoyed all the Mathis family on game day. I know how much you and your family will miss him and you shall continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Weldon Crowleys

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**Weldon Crowley** - October 30, 2009 at 05:03 PM

JP

“ Debbie and family, I'm terribly sorry for your loss. Eddie was always good to me, particularly when helping me out of a mess when I lived in Huntsville. I have no idea what you guys are going through, but you're in my prayers.

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**Jason Pfordrescher** - October 29, 2009 at 09:21 AM

JP

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**Jason Pfordrescher** - October 29, 2009 at 09:21 AM

BJ

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss.

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**Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin** - October 27, 2009 at 05:00 PM

JJ

“ I am praying for you all. My family has you and your family in our thoughts. I had the pleasure of working with Eddie for a couple years and had much respect for him. This above all shocking and very sad. I am sorry for your loss. He will be missed.

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**Jennifer Johnston** - October 27, 2009 at 09:18 AM

LE

“ Joy-Steven and I were so saddened to hear of the loss of your brother. I have been reading all of the kind and wonderful words that were written by his many friends and family and can only say what a loss it is for all of you!! You have been such a source of support to my family and to all of the Temple Shalom families-please lean on us as we have so often leaned on you my dear Joy. Our heartfelt thoughts are with all of you during this sad time. With love, Lisa and Steven.

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**Lisa and Steven Englander** - October 26, 2009 at 08:28 PM

JG

“ Dear Joy, We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. He sounds like such a wonderful man. Our hearts go out to you and your family at this time.

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**Jerri and Fred Grunewald** - October 26, 2009 at 06:23 PM

JB

“ I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Eddie. He was always compassionate & uplifting to those around him. Your family is in our thoughts & prayers.

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**Jamie Brinegar** - October 26, 2009 at 03:14 PM

JJ

“ Always remember Eddie's smile and the happy times. My prayers for strength and comfort will continue for you all.

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**Jonna Jeter** - October 26, 2009 at 02:37 PM

GC

“ Debbie, I am very sorry for your loss. He was always so very nice. You and your family are in my prayers.

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**Glenda Clary** - October 26, 2009 at 12:47 PM

JR

“ Debbie, Brad, and Family,

*I am so very sorry for your loss. He was so proud of you and loved you so much. I am praying for God to hold you close.*

*Joanne Reyes*

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**Joanne Reyes** - October 26, 2009 at 11:54 AM

NF

“ My heart goes out to his wife and family, may the Lord give you all the strength and guidance to make it through this tough journey! I only new Mr. Mathis through county business, but the few times I dealt with him he was a very nice person!!

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**Ninfa Fuentes** - October 26, 2009 at 10:18 AM

CB

“ Debbie - You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Cheryle Byrd** - October 26, 2009 at 09:09 AM

WB

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Walter Bennett** - October 26, 2009 at 08:23 AM

MH

“ *My thoughts and prayers go to the family at this time. My memories of Eddie was always cheerful and helpful. He will be missed. May our Lord give you the comfort that is eternal.*

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**M. Hyvl** - October 26, 2009 at 08:21 AM

TW

“ *My prayers are with your family. May God grant you strength.*

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**Tameka Williams-Bruce** - October 25, 2009 at 05:56 PM

VR

“ *Dear Joy,*

*We are saddened for your family's loss. You have been a source of information and comfort to all of the members of Temple Shalom. I cherish my visits with you. We hope that you will find comfort in your memories. We will keep you and yours in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Valerie, Michael, Julian, Samuel, Allison and Danielle Retan*

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**Valerie Retan** - October 25, 2009 at 05:45 PM

MV

“ *Debbie, We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*God Bless, Mike and Ann Vickers*

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**Mike and Ann Vickers** - October 25, 2009 at 05:28 PM

LS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Eddie's death. I was blessed to know and work with him for 5 years. He truly was a wonderful and caring person. I am so sorry for your loss. I have your family in my prayers.

Liz Sumner - October 25, 2009 at 04:46 PM

AD

“ Eddie will be truly missed. He always was a very hard worker and had a smile on his face everytime I saw him. It was a joy to work with him. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Andrea Drab - October 25, 2009 at 02:02 PM

SA

“ Debbie & family, I am so sorry. Eddie was such an awesome person. Please know that you are in my thoughts & prayers.

sherry moore allen - October 25, 2009 at 12:54 PM

JP

“ Eddie was a great Friend and even a greater Man. He never met a stranger and will be remembered forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jerry and Billie Peterson - October 25, 2009 at 10:30 AM

LZ

“ Debbie - I am so sorry for your loss. My heart aches for you. I will always remember Eddie's protection of you when you were undergoing treatments. You've been blessed with a husband who truly loved you and was always at your side.

When you're ready for some long walks, I know just the place I want to take you.

Lavonne Zaiantz - October 24, 2009 at 10:52 PM

KK

“ *My most sincere condolences to Eddies family and friends. May God continue to strengthen you all more everyday.*

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**Karla Penate Kutch** - October 24, 2009 at 09:27 PM

KC

“ *Navwis, Donna, Joy and Family,  
My heart is so sad...all I can think about is the times we all spent at Nanny's, the wonderful memories never to be forgotten. Eddie, the "Gentle Giant", huge heart, and the love he gave to all who were blessed to know him. What an honor to call this man my beloved cousin. May God wrap His arms around all of you and have peace knowing you will be reunited with him again. I love you all!*  
*Kathy*

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**Kathy Culbreth** - October 24, 2009 at 09:01 PM

DB

“ *Debbie, Brad, and Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Eddie always brought a smile to our faces and knowing him touched each of us in a special way.*

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**Donna, Lynn, & Todd Boone** - October 24, 2009 at 06:35 PM

NW

“ *It has been an honor to have known Eddie. His big smile, wacky sense of humor, unending patience and incredible commitment to his family was something we both admired. I pray that God will hold and heal you during these dark days.*

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**Naomi & Andy Wright** - October 24, 2009 at 06:34 PM

CF

“ *Never an opportunity went by that Donna or David sang Mr. Eddie's praises. I had the pleasure of meeting him many times at different events for Calli and Chelsea. He always had a smile and something cute to say. He was such a nice and generous man. May you receive peace in your heart remembering all the good times with him and your children.*

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**Carolyn Florus** - October 24, 2009 at 05:48 PM

MW

“ *Regina and I send our thoughts and prayers to you.*

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**Marc Wittenberg** - October 24, 2009 at 05:20 PM

MS

“ *My deepest condolences go out to you and your family.*

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**Mel Sacks** - October 24, 2009 at 01:56 PM

PE

“ *Debbie, Joy and Family,*

*We are so very sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.*

*Paddy & Barry Epstein  
(Dallas)*

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**Paddy & Barry Epstein** - October 24, 2009 at 01:35 PM

EK

“ Dear Joy,

*I am so saddened to hear about the death of your beloved brother. He must have been a remarkable man. Please extend my condolences to his wife and family members. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. May his memory be a source of comfort to each of you.*

*With love,*

*Evan Amster Kern*

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**Evan Amster Kern** - October 24, 2009 at 01:22 PM

SM

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Eddie was always a shining light whenever you saw him. He and Mike played many a softball game together. Growing up with Eddie and Joy was a pleasure.

*May God guide you through this difficult time.*

*Sherrill Batson McDowell*

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**Sherrill Batson McDowell** - October 24, 2009 at 12:58 PM

SD

“ Dear Joy, Joe and I are so sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. You have always been there for us and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May your sorrow be lifted by all the wonderful memories of your brother. Remember he will always be with you in your heart. Love, Shelley Van Derven and Joe Milkes

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**Shelley Van Derven** - October 24, 2009 at 12:45 PM

LF

“ I had the great honor of working with Eddie in Walker County for 4 yrs. I remember what a true gentleman he was in every sense of the word. Whenever Eddie would accompany us on a field visit, he would not allow us (women) to open our own car doors. May seem like a small gesture to some--but so rare these days. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word for everyone. I know he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family in friends.

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**Lisa Foster** - October 24, 2009 at 11:16 AM

KW

“ Debbie, We are so, so sorry for this devastating loss to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers with each blink of our eyes. Just know that you are loved and that you will not have to face this alone. There are many people out there who love you dearly. Love, Kathy & Howard White

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**Kathy and Howard White** - October 24, 2009 at 09:23 AM

RT

“ Debbie, We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, The Taylors

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**Robert and LaVaughn Taylor** - October 24, 2009 at 08:17 AM

RB

“ Dear Joy, we are saddened by your loss and want you to know that we share it with you along with the many members of the temple all of whom appreciate the faithful and excellent assistance you render to Rabbi Paley and the the whole congregation. May God help you make peace with your loss. Our best wishes to you and your family. Ruth and Andrew Bramley.

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**Ruth and Andrew Bramley** - October 24, 2009 at 08:00 AM

LH

“ *Debbie,  
I am so sorry to hear that your husband has passed away. You and your family will be in our prayers. Please know that you can call me anytime if you need anything.  
Love,  
Lynda Henry*

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**Lynda Henry** - October 23, 2009 at 08:31 PM

GG

“ *Dear Debbie and Family, We were so saddened to hear of your loss. Eddie was always a bright spot and a special person. Please know you are in our thoughts during this time.*

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**Greg and Dani Gathright** - October 23, 2009 at 06:58 PM

BM

“ *Debbie & Brad, I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart is breaking for your family. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you the strength you need during this difficult time and keep faith that there are brighter days ahead.*

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**Brooke (Sims) Milam** - October 23, 2009 at 04:09 PM

BW

“ *Debbie, I knew Eddie from work area. He always had a smile whenever he walked in our office. My prayers go out to you and your family.*

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**Becky West** - October 23, 2009 at 03:19 PM

CG

“ *Debbie and Brad,  
Eddie was always so supportive and a big part of the boys' baseball memories. We will miss him but have great memories. The Mathis family is in our prayers.*

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**Cutty Gilbert and Michael Gilbert** - October 23, 2009 at 03:08 PM

MY

“ *Debbie I was so sorry to hear about Eddie's death and I can only imagine what a hard time this is going to be for you. I know you are going to miss him and that that void in your life will be hard for you. Carry with you, that he had many friends and made friends wherever he went. I know and pray that God will get you through this if you just ask him. We will be praying for you and the children constantly and if you need anything please don't hesitate to call. Cook Springs Baptist Church has you on our prayer list and will be praying for you also. If you need us we are right down the road. Take care and be tuff.*

*Love  
Mary Yates and family*

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**Mary Yates** - October 23, 2009 at 03:02 PM

JG

“ *Debbie,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Eddie was a great guy and will be truly missed. We are praying for your family and hope God brings you peace in this very difficult time.*

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**John and Donna Gilbert** - October 23, 2009 at 02:55 PM

TU

“ Debbie,  
My prayers are with you and all the children. Have faith that God will get all of you through this. I hope you know how much we love you!  
Sincerely, Tresa

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**Tresa Urbanovsky** - October 23, 2009 at 01:54 PM

SY

“ Debbie,  
I am so sorry about your loss. I did not know your husband but I know that he must have been a special person. You have been a special person to me ever since we made the El Campo connection. I will keep you and your family and friends in my prayers. God will give you strength.  
With sympathy,  
Sharla Young

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**Sharla Young** - October 23, 2009 at 01:08 PM

D9

“ debbie... there are no words; so many of us will miss EDDIE forever... i am so very sorry... there is no doubt as to how much your EDDIE loved you and his family. i am here for you, anytime!!! i love you, darlene

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**darlene curie 936-349-3282** - October 23, 2009 at 12:38 PM

BN

“ Debbie, My thoughts are with you and your family. God will give you strength. Eddie was such a caring person. I always enjoyed seeing his smile and cheerful hello! He will be remembered as a super person. If I can be of any help, please contact me. My prayers will continue for you and your family.

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**Beverly Conner Niederhofer** - October 23, 2009 at 09:01 AM

DB

“ *Debbie, I will be available any time you want to talk, cry, scream or all of the above. It will be tough but you will survive.  
Love ya girl.*

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**Dena Byrd** - October 23, 2009 at 08:56 AM

JW

“ *Debbie and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God be with each of you. Eddie will be missed by our entire family, his gentle smile and loving heart touched so many. We love you all.  
Love, The Wiggins*

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**Jobe/Beverly Wiggins** - October 23, 2009 at 08:33 AM

LH

“ *Debbie, I am so sorry to hear about Eddie's death. Heather, Chase, Clay and I have you and your children in our prayers.*

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**Liz Harrelson** - October 23, 2009 at 08:28 AM

SH

“ *Debbie, I can't imagine the devastation that you are feeling. I have been praying for you since I have heard of Eddie's passing. You know that you are a strong person and I pray that you rely on that strength and the strength of God to help you make it through. I will continue to pray for you and hope that the Angels of comfort surround you today and always.  
Love Susan Hayes*

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**Susan Hayes** - October 23, 2009 at 08:13 AM