



Harold James Matthews

September 21, 1943 - December 1, 2017

Harold James Matthews

Jennings: It's with the great sadness and heaviest of hearts that the family of Harold James Matthews announces his passing from this life into the arms of Angels on December 1, 2017 at Tulane Medical Center in New Orleans, LA while surrounded by his family. Harold was born in Kaplan, LA to Nelis and Jane Landry Matthews on September 21, 1943. Harold was the owner and operator of Matthews and Son Funeral Home for over 37 years, a job in which he took great pride in and loved. He was very active in his faith, he was a member of numerous organizations in the community, including a Past President of the Louisiana Funeral Directors Association, Woodman of the World, Knights of Columbus in which he held the honor of 4th degree, and Louisiana Cattlemen's Association in which he was president, and he was also on the Board of Directors of Jennings American Legion Hospital Foundation Board, a long standing Board Member of the Lake Arthur Boat Club just to name a few. He also loved working on his farm, taking care of his cattle, baling hay, and riding his side by side. His greatest joy was spending time with his family and friends. Harold never met a stranger and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Harold is survived by his wife, Bell Matthews of Lake Arthur, LA; his son, Kevin J. Matthews of Jennings, LA; his sister and her husband, Sheryl (Billy)

Portie of Gueydan, LA; his special niece, Laurel Portie of Phoenix, AZ; his two step-daughters, Rae Donna LaPoint (Donald) of Sulphur, LA, Geneva Guidry (Gary) of Lake Arthur, LA; as well as numerous extended family and friends.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, Nelis and Jane Matthews; his first wife, Hattie H. Matthews; his step-sons, Chad Comeaux, Kevin Comeaux.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings, LA on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 2:00 PM with Father Charles McMillin officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA beginning on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a rosary recited at 6:00 PM by the Knights of Columbus. Visitation will resume on Wednesday, December 6th from 10:00 AM until the time of his Funeral Mass at 2:00 PM. Burial will follow in Gueydan Cemetery. Carrying Harold to his final resting place will be John Smith, Kenton Hebert, Ricky Edwards, Carlton Gotreaux, Stanley Broussard, Dwight Hollier, Donald LaPoint, Percy LaPoint, and Josh Bertrand. Honorary pallbearers will be Clifford Broussard, Billy Portie, and Wayne Ledbetter.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Gueydan Cemetery

Hwy 91
Gueydan, LA 70542

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - JENNINGS
511 N. Cutting Avenue
Jennings, LA 70546
(337) 824-4420
jimmy@matthewsfh.com
<https://www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net/>

Rosary

DEC 5. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church
710 North State St.
Jennings, LA 70546

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold James Matthews*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Kevin, I was so sorry go hear of your Dad's passing. He was such a kind and loving man. I will keep you only prayer's for comfort. Was do sorry to miss his service. Last I heard it was pending. Again sorry I missed his service. Prayers and hugs to you Kevin.*

Donna Daigle Deaville - December 06, 2017 at 07:45 PM



“ *Donna Daigle Deaville lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews*



Donna Daigle Deaville - December 06, 2017 at 07:40 PM



“ *Dear Kevin & Family,
It is with deep regret that we learned of Harold's death. He will be greatly missed not only by his family but also by his profession and his community.
May Almighty God give him a warm safe place in His heavenly kingdom.
Your friend,
Boyd Mothe Sr. & Family*

Boyd Mothe-Westlawn Cemeteries - December 06, 2017 at 11:39 AM

DR

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Myrtle Mallett & Family*

Dionne Robicheaux - December 06, 2017 at 08:11 AM

KF

“ *Kenney Byrd & Family lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews*



Kenney Byrd & family - December 06, 2017 at 08:11 AM

TF

“ *The Byrd Family lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews*



The Byrd Family - December 06, 2017 at 08:10 AM

LL

“ *Kevin, so sorry for your loss. I have so many good memories of your Mom and Dad. You have been in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Linda LeBlanc - December 05, 2017 at 09:18 PM

KB

“ *Kim & Danny Campbell & boys purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Harold James Matthews.*



Kim & Danny Campbell & boys - December 05, 2017 at 06:59 PM

MP

“ *Mike, Carol & Dusty Perry purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Harold James Matthews.*



Mike, Carol & Dusty Perry - December 05, 2017 at 05:13 PM

NL

“ *My thoughts and prayers for all the Matthew's family. Mr. Harold was a very kind and caring man, he will be missed dearly by all.*

Nora LeJeune - December 04, 2017 at 10:30 PM

 Torrey Broussard

“ *Torrey Broussard lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews*



Torrey Broussard - December 04, 2017 at 04:05 PM

DR

“ To the Matthews family: We were so sorry to hear about the death of Mr. Harold. What a pillar in the community. We have known the family for a long time since we were in the funeral business also. It is never easy to say goodbye to someone so dear to you, but we hope the memories and the legacy he left behind will be of some comfort to you in the days and months ahead. We always thought very highly of him and he always talked well of our loved one Gerald M. Robbins, Sr. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers as you continue to serve the families in you area in the funeral business that he so loved. The family of the late Gerald M. Robbins, Sr., Myrna, Renee, Denise, Milton & Claire.

Denise Robbins - December 04, 2017 at 03:14 PM



“ Kevin you are in my prayers Mr Harold was a caring and loving man he will be greatly missed by the entire town of Jennings

Betty Wise - December 04, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Harold James Matthews.



December 04, 2017 at 11:59 AM

EG

“ *Eva M Gary lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews*



Eva M Gary - December 04, 2017 at 10:24 AM



“ *Lola Nolan lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews*



Lola Nolan - December 04, 2017 at 08:28 AM



Gone But Never Will Be Forgotten. R.I.P.

Lola Nolan - December 04, 2017 at 08:30 AM

SB

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful, kind man. We will continue praying for you Kevin and the rest of your family. Our community will feel your loss for a long time.*

Shelton and Vickey Breaux - December 04, 2017 at 07:46 AM

AC

“ *Andrus Chesley sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold James Matthews*



Andrus Chesley - December 03, 2017 at 06:27 PM

MC

“ *My heart goes out to this beautiful family! Have been praying and will continue to do so.*

Maurice & Marsha Conner - December 03, 2017 at 05:38 PM

MS

“ *Merrill And Renee Smith lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews*



Merrill and Renee Smith - December 03, 2017 at 04:38 PM

MI

“ *As a minister in the community I had the privilege to do many funeral services with Harold. He was a great funeral home director in large part because he was a great human being. He was a man of ethical integrity. He was always caring and sensitive. He was a class act and will be missed. Praying for his family.*
Mickey Istre

Mickey Istre - December 03, 2017 at 04:24 PM

TD

“ *Timmy&Barbara Deshotel lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews*

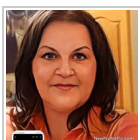


Timmy&Barbara Deshotel - December 03, 2017 at 04:23 PM

JM

“ He was a very sweet , loving and very caring man my prayers sympathy and condolences are with his family and everyone that new him

Jo Ann Martin - December 03, 2017 at 03:23 PM



“ Pam Benoit sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold James Matthews



Pam Benoit - December 03, 2017 at 02:09 PM

BB

“ Butch & Sandra Bertrand lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews



Butch & Sandra Bertrand - December 03, 2017 at 10:26 AM

Effie Lasalle

“ Effie Lasalle sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold James Matthews



Effie Lasalle - December 03, 2017 at 09:02 AM

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“ *Effie Lasalle sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold James Matthews*



Effie Lasalle - December 03, 2017 at 09:01 AM

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Lasalle

“ *Effie Lasalle lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews*



Effie Lasalle - December 03, 2017 at 09:01 AM

LR

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, Kevin. I have many fond memories of our parents all together.*

Lara LeBlanc Riley - December 03, 2017 at 07:33 AM

CG

“ *Connie Gary Kevin, I am so sorry for your loss. Rest in peace Mr. Harold* ☩☩☩

Connie Gary - December 03, 2017 at 04:51 AM

CL

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Lee and Christy Lepretre and family*

Christy Lepretre - December 03, 2017 at 04:41 AM

AG

“ Alice Gary sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold James Matthews



Alice Gary - December 02, 2017 at 11:47 PM

AG

“ Mr Harold I will miss coming in to see you. You always had a smile and have been good to me and my family. Love you very much, go rest high on that mountain in heaven.

Alice Gary - December 02, 2017 at 11:47 PM

LL

“ Sending prayers for you and your family. Mr. Matthew will be missed by many. May God give you peace and comfort. My deepest Condolences.
Lizzie LaPoint

Lizzie LaPoint - December 02, 2017 at 11:00 PM

KD

“ Karen And Randy Daigle lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews



Karen and Randy Daigle - December 02, 2017 at 10:44 PM

KD

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this very sad time, Kevin.

Karen and Randy Daigle - December 02, 2017 at 10:45 PM

BL

Kevin, so sorry for the pain that you bear and the loss that you are feeling now. You are in my heart, thoughts, and prayers, Love you, Brenda S.LeBlanc

Brenda LeBlanc - December 04, 2017 at 03:33 PM

DT

“ *Darlene Thibodeaux lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews*



Darlene thibodeaux - December 02, 2017 at 10:09 PM

DS

“ *Our sincere sympathy to both of you, Kevin and Belle. You are in our prayers.
Dot and John Smith*

Dot and John Smith - December 02, 2017 at 09:29 PM

 Wilma
Guidry
Guidry

“ *Sorry mr.kevin for the lost of you dad he was a great man he would help everyone that he could he will be missed by many. From Allen & Wilma guilty family*

Wilma Guidry Guidry - December 02, 2017 at 08:23 PM

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Wilma Guidry Guidry - December 02, 2017 at 08:25 PM

DL

“ *Diana Lopez lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews*



Diana Lopez - December 02, 2017 at 06:18 PM

DR

“ *Kevin, our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Your Dad was a good man, who was always good to our community. Sincerely, Dionne Robicheaux & Family*

Dionne Robicheaux - December 02, 2017 at 06:15 PM

BL

“ *Harold was a man with a big and kind heart. To know him was to love him. Rest in peace my friend, you will be so missed.*



Betty LeBlanc - December 02, 2017 at 05:41 PM



“ *A kind and gentle spirit has left us. We are praying for your family. Celeste & Tim Trahan*

Tim Trahan - December 02, 2017 at 03:56 PM



My family from both sides deals with them. They do a very good job. Prayers for his family

Lillian Guidry - December 02, 2017 at 05:09 PM

MF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. He was such a sweet an caring Man. Rest in Peace Sir.*

Monica and Willis Fontenot - December 02, 2017 at 02:51 PM

KK

“ *Rest In Peace. Our sincerest condolences to Kevin and Mrs Belle*



Kevin and Fran Klein - December 02, 2017 at 01:12 PM

DT

“ *You and your family have always been there to help other families.Now it is our turn to help yours.My prayers and thoughts are with all of you.You have earned your wings so fly away home.Dorothy tolbert*

Dorothy chaisson deshotel tolbert - December 02, 2017 at 01:12 PM

DT

“ *Dorothy Chaisson Deshotel Tolbert sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold James Matthews*



Dorothy chaisson deshotel tolbert - December 02, 2017 at 01:09 PM

TF

“ Praying for you all. Rest in Peace Mr Matthews

JOHN AND RODNEY FRUGE AND FAMILY

THE FRUGE FAMILY - December 02, 2017 at 12:59 PM



“ Stephanie Chaisson lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews



Stephanie Chaisson - December 02, 2017 at 12:58 PM

TF

“ Praying for you all. Rest in Peace Mr Matthews



THE FRUGE FAMILY - December 02, 2017 at 12:57 PM

LL

Sending prayers for you and your family. Mr. Matthew will be missed by many. May God give your family peace and comfort. My Deepest Symphony!
Lizzie LaPoint

Lizzie LaPoint - December 02, 2017 at 10:51 PM

KP

“ My condolences to the family.

Kenneth Portie - December 02, 2017 at 11:22 AM

CI

“ *Cindyprice05 lit a candle in memory of Harold James Matthews*



Cindyprice05 - December 02, 2017 at 10:22 AM

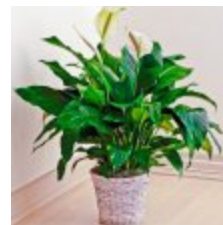
CI

So sorry for your loss. Praying for you all. Rest in Peace Mr Matthews

Cindyprice05 - December 02, 2017 at 10:22 AM

EG

“ *Evelyn, Dion, Jude and Geralyn purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Harold James Matthews.*



Evelyn, Dion, Jude and Geralyn - December 02, 2017 at 10:00 AM

AD

“ *So sorry to hear of your passing. You always took care of all of our families and always had time for a word with them. We will miss you. Condolences to the family.*



Al & Marty Bergeron Dupuis - December 02, 2017 at 09:55 AM

SS

James and I are very sorry for your loss. Know I am so sorry for your loss

I am so sorry for your loss. Just know I loved working for u all. You are in my heart and prayers. Sue and James Smith

Sue Hebert Smith - December 02, 2017 at 07:52 PM

AB

Kevin I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. I will continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers

Angie Bergeaux - December 02, 2017 at 09:20 PM