



## Mr. Albert Neal Matthews

December 9, 1943 - December 17, 2024

Graveside services for Mr. Albert Neal Matthews, 81, of Tatum, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 20, 2024, at Tatum Cemetery with Rev. Dwain Knight officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson.

Mr. Matthews passed away December 17, 2024, in Henderson. He was born December 9, 1943, in Tatum to Ray and Johnnie Belle Matthews.

Albert was a special child of God. He was mentally handicapped from birth, but he grew into a productive person. He was able to help with tending the cows that our daddy raised. He helped my dad in raising many gardens with all types of vegetables. He helped my mother in washing clothes and getting vegetables ready to cook. Albert could be very funny and got lots of people to laugh. I guess the two best things he liked to do was #1 sit on the front porch at home in Tatum and wave at everyone that came along the street, whether walking, or in a car or truck. #2 was car riding all over Rusk County and Panola County and of course stopping to get a hamburger and drink. For the last few years, he and his caretaker, Terry Kelley, bonded tightly. Terry took excellent care of Albert. Some people think it is a burden to care for a handicapped person, I thank God that he allowed me to do all that I could for Albert and his deceased brother, Johnny, who was also mentally handicapped.

Albert, rest in peace, your duties on earth are complete. You are residing with Jesus now.

Your loving brother,  
Jimmie Matthews.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Johnnie Belle Matthews, and his brother, Johnny Ray Matthews.

He is survived by his brother, Jimmie Matthews and his friend, Jackie Marhofer; niece, Holly Buckholtz and husband Jon; nephew, Troy Gregory Matthews, and wife Andrea; great-niece, Victoria Matthews, great-nephew, Carter Buckholtz; and a host of cousins, other family, and friends.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tatum Cemetery

Tatum, TX

# Previous Events

## Graveside

DEC 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Tatum Cemetery  
Tatum, TX

# Tribute Wall

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“ Praying for you Jimmy and family. You were the best brother to Johnny Ray and Albert. God bless you and give you peace. We love you,  
Mike & Delores.

Mike & Delores Toon - December 24, 2024 at 07:04 AM

SG

“ Oh, how I loved seeing Albert when he came in our office. It would make my day! He was a blessing and will truly be missed.

Susie (lab/xray girl) - December 20, 2024 at 12:45 PM

JM

“ Praying for Jimmie and family. Sorry I couldn't be there. I just found out. Love y'all cousin  
Joe Matthews.



Joe Matthews - December 19, 2024 at 08:51 PM

JA

“ Sorry for your loss



James & Pam Allen - December 19, 2024 at 11:14 AM