



## Mr. Denny Ainsworth

July 6, 1932 - January 3, 2024

Memorial services for Mr. Denny Ainsworth, 91, of Henderson, will be at 10:00 a.m., Friday, Jan. 5, 2024 at Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home chapel with Bro. Wayne Norville and Dr. David Higgs officiating. Mr. Ainsworth passed away Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024 at a local nursing home.

Denny was born July 6, 1932 in Henderson to the late L.W. and Josie Belle (Cook) Ainsworth. He graduated from Henderson High School in 1950 and then Kilgore College. He served in the Army and received an honorable discharge. In 1992, after 37 faithful years at Texas Eastman, Department 70 Polyethylene, Denny retired and loved every minute of his retirement. He spent his retirement building and repairing grandfather clocks, stained glass artwork, general woodworking skills and watching the Texas Rangers as well as all 635 episodes of Gunsmoke multiple times. He lived long enough to actually see the Rangers win a World Series!!! Denny enjoyed spending time with his family including grandkids, and great granddaughter. If you knew Denny, you were probably a victim of one of his practical jokes. Texas Eastman proved to be a source of new tricks and a plethora of victims. He retired as the unofficial undefeated broom wrestling champion of Eastman. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Henderson.

He was preceded in death by his parents L.W. and Josie Belle Ainsworth, aunt and uncle John L. and Lou Kate Slover. He is survived by his wife of 65 years

Merlene Ainsworth of Henderson, son Kelly Ainsworth of Kilgore, son and daughter in law Tracy and Vicky Ainsworth of Tyler, grandson and wife Jace and Hayley Ainsworth of Austin, TX, granddaughter Krystal Seely of Longview, great-granddaughter Quinn Ainsworth of Austin, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hi-Way 80 Rescue Mission or the Children's Building Fund at First Baptist Church of Henderson, TX  
Condolences may be made at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *our sincere sympathy to Merlene and family,*

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**Carolyn Orr Boren** - January 10, 2024 at 01:29 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Boren lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



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**Carolyn Orr Boren** - January 10, 2024 at 01:25 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Jerry Watkins lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



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**Debbie & Jerry Watkins** - January 08, 2024 at 02:23 PM

KS

“ *Sorry for your loss*



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**Kelly Stroud** - January 07, 2024 at 05:03 PM

JS

“ *Jamie And Karen Skelton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Denny Ainsworth*



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**Jamie and Karen Skelton** - January 06, 2024 at 12:16 AM

RC

“ *Ainsworth family, please know you are all in my prayers.*



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**Randy Culp** - January 05, 2024 at 08:06 PM

AM

“ *Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Denny Ainsworth*



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**Amy Miley-Payne** - January 05, 2024 at 08:05 PM

DB

“ *Damon Bassett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Denny Ainsworth*



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**Damon Bassett** - January 05, 2024 at 03:07 PM

AS

“ *ALLYSPN SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Denny Ainsworth*



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**ALLYSPN SMITH** - January 05, 2024 at 01:57 PM

JH

“ *I only have the opportunity to talk with Mr ainsworth a couple of times both times both conversations were memorable my condolences of the family*

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**James high** - January 05, 2024 at 01:45 PM

RD

“ *Thinking of your family at this time. Rita Dennard.*



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**Rita Dennard** - January 05, 2024 at 09:44 AM

ED

“ *Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Denny Ainsworth*



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**Elaine Davis** - January 05, 2024 at 08:28 AM

BH

“ Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Denny Ainsworth



Brent Hale - January 05, 2024 at 08:25 AM

BH

“ Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Denny Ainsworth



Brent Hale - January 05, 2024 at 07:19 AM

RS

“ Robbie And Minnie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Denny Ainsworth



Robbie and Minnie Stephens - January 05, 2024 at 07:14 AM

JC

“ My deepest sympathy.

Jimmy Culp - January 04, 2024 at 09:48 PM

JH

“ Joel & Barbara Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Denny Ainsworth



Joel & Barbara Hale - January 04, 2024 at 09:47 PM

LI

“ LizThrasher



LizThrasher - January 04, 2024 at 09:08 PM

CM

“ Cindy May-Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mr. Denny Ainsworth



Cindy May-Yarborough - January 04, 2024 at 08:52 PM

KW

“ Mr Ainsworth will be missed by us a christus... hope he's having lots of hamburger helper in heaven.... lots of prayers for Ms Merlene and their sons....

Kristen white - January 04, 2024 at 08:36 PM



“ *Loved Denny! May the Lord comfort you Merlene as only he can. Ron and Mary Audas*



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**Ron Audas** - January 04, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ *Praying for comfort and strength for all of you.*



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**Jim and Jeanie Dickeson** - January 04, 2024 at 06:45 PM



“ *Lacy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



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**Lacy Weaver** - January 04, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ *Denny was a great neighbor on Pine St. one of the original ones that still lived there. He was a great neighbor, friend and person with a great family. Our prayers are with Marlene and all the family. Linda and Pat Adams*



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**Earl "Pat" Adams** - January 04, 2024 at 05:10 PM

BD

“ Praying for comfort, strength and peace!



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**Bobbie Sue Dumas** - January 04, 2024 at 01:50 PM

DB

“ When we were kids, Mr. Ainsworth built a go-cart for His two sons, Every kid that knew the Ainsworth's had fun, With that go-cart. Mr. Ainsworth was a Very Good Man.

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**Debbie Hayes Brittain** - January 04, 2024 at 12:56 PM

FB

“ Frank Karen Bane lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth



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**Frank & Karen Bane** - January 04, 2024 at 11:46 AM

HB

“ Holli Bridges lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth



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**Holli Green Bridges** - January 04, 2024 at 11:43 AM

CB

“ *Cindy Belcher lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



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**Cindy Hooks Belcher** - January 04, 2024 at 11:19 AM

CS

“ *craig Paula Sweeney lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



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**craig Paula Sweeney** - January 04, 2024 at 10:54 AM

NG

“ *A faithful friend to many. Denny will be missed. Love to all the family.*

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**Nancy & Mark Gibson** - January 04, 2024 at 10:35 AM

SB

“ *Scott Burton lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



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**Scott Burton** - January 04, 2024 at 10:24 AM

DB

“ *Damon Bassett lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



**Damon Bassett** - January 04, 2024 at 09:38 AM

KM

“ *My sincere condolences to all of the family. Lifting you up in my prayers.*



**Kelly Martin** - January 04, 2024 at 09:25 AM

JB

“ *Jon Best lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



**Jon Best** - January 04, 2024 at 09:12 AM

SD

“ *Much love to your family.*



**Sherrj Barton Davis** - January 04, 2024 at 08:38 AM

ML

“ *Mary Lowe lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



Mary Lowe - January 04, 2024 at 08:36 AM

JW

“ *May the Lord give you peace and comfort in this time of the loss of Denny. God bless you. Always look to Him for guidance and depend on the Holy Spirit for directing your path. Rob & Beth Wells*



J Robert Wells - January 04, 2024 at 08:24 AM



“ *I have fond memories of Denny growing up. He was a sweet guy and I know he will be missed. Praying for all of you*



Christy Stanart - January 04, 2024 at 07:54 AM

KB

“ *I'm very sorry  
Kim McDonald Burgess*



Kim McDonald Burgess - January 04, 2024 at 07:50 AM

PP

“ pud patterson lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth



pud patterson - January 04, 2024 at 07:47 AM

NH

“ Nancy Herrington lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth



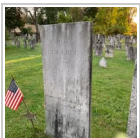
Nancy Herrington - January 04, 2024 at 07:43 AM

DB

“ diana Bottoms-sharp lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth



diana Bottoms-sharp - January 04, 2024 at 07:28 AM



“ Denny was one of the best neighbors ever, and he will be greatly missed.  
Mart and Cathy

Cathy Hooper - January 04, 2024 at 06:53 AM

TW

“ *Tracie Washington-Shankle lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



**Tracie Washington-Shankle** - January 03, 2024 at 11:56 PM

MH

“ *Missy Hacker lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



**Missy Hacker** - January 03, 2024 at 10:44 PM

KS

“ *Kenneth Edwina Starling lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



**Kenneth & Edwina Starling** - January 03, 2024 at 10:35 PM

JB

“ *Joe & Margaret G Brown lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



**Joe Dan & Margaret G Brown** - January 03, 2024 at 10:05 PM

KC

“ *Kristy Campbell lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



Kristy Campbell - January 03, 2024 at 09:17 PM

JT

“ *John Taylor lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



John Taylor - January 03, 2024 at 08:53 PM

LI

“ *Ricky & Liz Thrasher*



LizThrasher - January 03, 2024 at 07:38 PM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



Gary Wilkerson - January 03, 2024 at 06:37 PM

BA

“ BarbaraJolley lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth



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**BarbaraJolley** - January 03, 2024 at 06:16 PM

CT

“ Chuck Towe lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth



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**Chuck Towe** - January 03, 2024 at 05:55 PM

SK

“ I am so sorry of your loss. Suzanne and charles kinard

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**Suzanne Kinard** - January 03, 2024 at 05:51 PM

LS

“ Leslie Fred Spell lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth



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**Leslie & Fred Spell** - January 03, 2024 at 05:51 PM

PS

“ Pam Smith lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth



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**Pam Smith** - January 03, 2024 at 05:19 PM

TS

“ Tim Smith lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth



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**Tim Pam Smith** - January 03, 2024 at 05:18 PM

BD

“ Byron Deason lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth



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**Byron Deason** - January 03, 2024 at 05:17 PM

LC

“ Lynne Christian lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth



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**Lynne Christian** - January 03, 2024 at 05:10 PM

BE

“ *Buddy &. Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



**Buddy &. Dianne Everitt** - January 03, 2024 at 04:52 PM

KC

“ *Nick, Kacy, Wyatt, Jackson, and Miller Cain*



**Kacy Cain** - January 03, 2024 at 04:46 PM

KW

“ *kevin wilbur sent a virtual gift in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



**kevin wilbur** - January 03, 2024 at 04:43 PM

BM

“ *Becky Massengale lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



**Becky Massengale** - January 03, 2024 at 04:32 PM

TE

“ *Trish Eckart lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



Trish Eckart - January 03, 2024 at 03:57 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Hlavaty sent a virtual gift in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



Kathy Hlavaty - January 03, 2024 at 03:23 PM

WS

“ *Wayne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Denny Ainsworth*



Wayne Sanders - January 03, 2024 at 02:27 PM

DH

*May our Great God welcome you into your heavenly home. While we never met personally, as an Eastman retiree myself, IO am most thankful for your service to our company. But I come to know your son, Kelly. You must have been a great parent to raise such a good son. My daughter Cindi-Marie Lewis works for Kelly at Parkview Senior Living and feels blessed to work with Kelly. Dr. Bill Hansen and daughter Cindi Marie Lewis*

Dr. William Roy Hansen - January 04, 2024 at 08:25 PM