

Mr. Ernie Liles

July 26, 1939 - November 30, 2015

Earnest Wayne Liles - "Ernie" 76 yrs. of age (07.26.1939- 11.30.2015) passed away Monday evening surrounded by family and friends at his home in Tatum, Texas. Ernie was a life long resident of Tatum, and a graduate in the Class of 1957. He served two years in the United States Army 1962-1964. Ernie loved to hunt, fish, travel, ranch and farm. He carried on a family tradition of farming and selling watermelons that began in 1945, while at the same time working for Trailmobile.

In 1965, he married the love of his life, Donna Sue Gant. They raised four children together, taking family vacations, attending sporting events and watching them grow and raise families of their own. Ernie loved to watch his grandkids excel in sports, and was so proud of their achievements.

Ernie worked for Texas Utilities from 1978-1998. After retiring, he remained active while helping his sons with their businesses.

In September he and Donna celebrated a milestone wedding anniversary of 50 years together. They took a beautiful scenic trip to Branson, MO. They had a picnic lunch in Petit Jean State Park on a beautiful summer day to mark the occasion. Ernie loved to travel, and had traveled the world, to the beaches of Normandy to palaces in St. Petersburg, Russia. He enjoyed his family vacations to Galveston and riding the golf cart with his grandkids on the

beach. He was a true and dedicated family man, and was a great provider for them. He was a living example of hard work, loyalty, and love of family.

Our hearts are broken, as we struggle with our loss. It is so hard to let a good man go, but in due time we'll be together again.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Donna Liles, his children and their spouses, Don & Amanda Liles, Robin Liles, Randall & Shelley Liles, and Mike & Kristy Good along w/many grandchildren: Lacy, Dillon, Lexi, Hunter & Emma, Spencer Liles, Micah Jade and Logan, Landon & Mikah Good. His brothers and sister, Tommy Liles, Richard (Bub) & Holly Liles, Eddie & Mendy & Lyle Johnson. He was preceded in death by his father, Roy Liles, mother Minnie Bell Liles Reeves and brother Jesse Liles.

Funeral services for Mr. Liles will be held at 2 pm on Thursday, December 3, 2015 in the chapel of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Jason Taylor officiating. Interment will follow at Harris Chapel Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm on Wednesday, December 2 at the funeral home.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for the caregivers that played such an integral role in his life, Prissi Owens, Christi Williams, and Nancy.....you each have blessed us more than you know. Thank you for loving him just as we did.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Harris Chapel Cemetery

5029 FM 959
Beckville, TX 75631

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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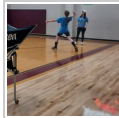
Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ernie Liles*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - December 02, 2015 at 03:36 PM



Donna, what a beautified tribute! I am praying for you as I can only imagine the pain you have in your heart. You and Ernie raised four wonderful children together and showed them through example what family is all about. Thank you so much for being all y'all were to my boys. I know your heart is heavy, I pray God will hold you in his arms and bring you comfort. May it help somehow to know you are loved by so many. Thank you for being the wonderful mother you have been and an awesome grandmother. I thank you and love you.

Sherry Liles

Sherry Liles - December 02, 2015 at 09:22 PM

RS

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Erine and his family . Erine will be missed by so many but he will be remembered and never forgotten.*

rachel streefkerk - December 02, 2015 at 08:24 PM

ES

The Vernon Stoker Family was sorrowful the hear about your husband, father, uncle, & grandfather passing. Time will heal in the by and by.

Evelyn Stoker, Sparks - December 04, 2015 at 04:05 PM

MS

Donna and Family . . . I am so very sorry to hear of your loss of Ernie. He was a wonderful person and a pillar of the community. I know he will be missed by so many. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Marti (McQuagge) Stricklin - December 04, 2015 at 06:48 PM

LB

“ *Lucy Burch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernie Liles*



Lucy Burch - December 02, 2015 at 07:35 PM

MJ

“ *Margaret Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernie Liles*



Margaret Jones - December 02, 2015 at 07:33 PM

EM

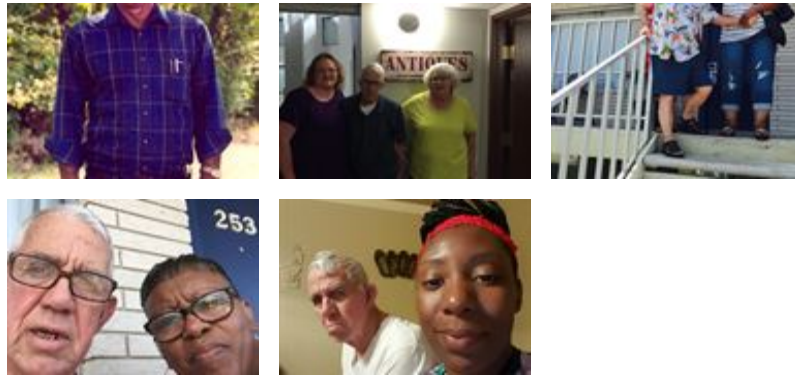
“ *Elaine Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernie Liles*



Elaine Martin - December 02, 2015 at 06:10 PM



“ 115 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - December 02, 2015 at 03:18 PM

DM

“ *Mrs. Phelix Martin*



Dianne Martin - December 02, 2015 at 10:50 AM

SS

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Liles family. I am forever grateful to have known such a sweet man. My prayers are with you now and the days ahead.*

God Bless

Shannon Stevens Skelton

Shannon Stevens Skelton - December 02, 2015 at 09:54 AM

SE

“ Donna and family,
I was sadden to hear of your loss. May God wrap his loving arms
around you and carry you thru this time.

Sonja Everett

sonja everett - December 02, 2015 at 08:58 AM

LF

“ My heartfelt condolences to all of you. I am so sorry to hear of this
Kristy and Mrs. Donna.

LeeAnn Whiteside Fleming - December 02, 2015 at 08:15 AM

SS

“ Scott Stanley lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Ernie Liles



Scott Stanley - December 02, 2015 at 04:35 AM

BT

Me too

Bobby Terry - December 02, 2015 at 12:57 PM

RS

My condolences to the family, I never seen him without a smile or
something good to say, He was a mentor to lots of people

Ralph Shivers - December 02, 2015 at 06:24 PM

TS

“ Ernie was such a Loving, honest sincere person. A great friend, family to my family. He was ALWAYS SMILING. My gosh he LOVED HIS FAMILY.... And mine. Love EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YALL. I pray for you ALL, I PRAY YOU FIND COMFORT IN EACH OTHER and the ENTIRE TOWN OF TATUM LOVES YOU ALL.

Tiffany Scott-Holland - December 01, 2015 at 10:43 PM

PS

“ Your family will be in my prayers. Randall ,Shelly,Don and Amanda Liles. Lov you guys
Pat Saunders



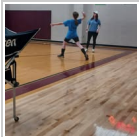
pat saunders - December 01, 2015 at 10:06 PM

SL

“ 1 file added to the album Ernie & Donna

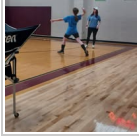


Shelley Liles - December 01, 2015 at 08:04 PM



“ My heart and prayers are with the family of such a wonderful man, Ernie was a perfect example of a husband, son, father, papaw, brother and friend. He will be missed so much

Sherry Liles - December 01, 2015 at 07:37 PM



“ *Sherry Liles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernie Liles*



Sherry Liles - December 01, 2015 at 07:33 PM



“ *Ernie was a good friend and classmate, always with a smile. So sorry to the family for your loss.*
Emilie Thane

Emilie Thane - December 01, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ *Donna, my heart goes out to you .And my heart is very heavy I loved Ernie like a brother. I remember the days of picking watermelons and what a hard working man he was.*



*May you find comfort in the love and support of family and friends.
In the hardest things we do love sees us through*

Roxie (Carpenter) Hesser - December 01, 2015 at 12:36 PM



“ *His constant smile, no matter what was going on. That and his love for his family! Always there, always the first one to give!*



Barbara Brewer - December 01, 2015 at 12:18 PM

BG

“ *Brenda Gowan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernie Liles*



brenda gowan - December 01, 2015 at 10:14 AM

BG

Praying that God will give comfort and peace to Ernie's family. What a wonderful man Ernie was and now he is singing praises in heaven and will be pain free from now on. Donna i pray especially for you because i know how much you love Ernie and how you will miss him but let God give you his memories to keep in your heart until eternity.

brenda gowan - December 01, 2015 at 10:20 AM

PS

Not many men like Ernie Liles left in this world. Donna I am praying for peace and comfort for you and the family.

Patricia Seimears - December 01, 2015 at 09:17 PM

OP

I knew Ernie from the watermelon days when he Richard and Tommy along with myself grew them. Prayers go with the family.

Otis Pirtle - December 02, 2015 at 05:50 AM

GB

No words can take away your pain and grief at this time in your life. Just know that someday you will join Ernie and you will be happy forever again. Until then enjoy your family and make many more happy memories to share with him. I am praying for guidance and help for you to make it through these difficult days.

Gwen Bishop Boykin

Gwen Boykin - December 02, 2015 at 10:31 AM

MJ

Donna, so sorry for your loss. Johnny and I always thought the world of Ernie. He and Johnny are together discussing farming and grandchildren...no more illness for them.

Fondest Regards

Mary Jackson

Mary Jackson - December 03, 2015 at 10:07 PM