



## Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays

March 18, 1948 - April 7, 2015

Jimmy Ray Hays from Mount Enterprise, TX "and, damn proud of it" was called to his eternal home on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at his residence.

He was born March 18, 1948 in Henderson, TX to Eva Mae and the late Durwood Hays. He attended grade school in Henderson and junior high school in Minden, TX. He graduated from Mt. Enterprise High School in 1966 with 23 classmates.

In 1974, Jimmy bought a service station that was located at the intersection of Hwy 259 and Hwy 84 in Mt. Enterprise where Jeannie's Exxon was once located. In 1976, he began working for Automatic Gas Company as a route driver and later attended Kilgore Police Academy, graduating as Valedictorian of his class in 1983. He then began a 32 year career working for Rusk County. He began this career as a Deputy Sheriff working under Sheriff Mike Strong in 1983. A year later, he was promoted to License and Weight Officer and after a year, he was promoted to Rusk County Road and Bridge Administrator where he worked until his retirement in 2014.

Jimmy was a member of the Mt. Enterprise School Board, Mt. Enterprise Water Board, Mt. Enterprise Fire Department Board, Farm Service Agency Board, and Rusk County Safety Board. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Henderson, TX and a member of the Adult 6 SS Class.

Jimmy loved to "ride the roads" and prided himself in knowing every road and bridge in Rusk County. He enjoyed his job so much and was always surrounded by wonderful co-workers who he could also call dear friends. He served under 10 Commissioners and 5 judges considering each of them as part of his family. He enjoyed spending time on trips with his "forever friends" traveling to Red River, NM before his health was impaired on November 29, 2012. The delight in his life was playing dominoes with his "forever friends" in the "Boar's Nest" located in his back yard. He was an excellent cook and enjoyed cooking for crowds in chili competitions with the Commissioners at the annual RCEC meetings and anywhere else that he would share his cooking skills.

Arrangements are entrusted with Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with visitation to be held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 from 5-7 pm at First Baptist Church of Henderson and funeral services scheduled for 2 pm on Friday, April 10, 2015 at First Baptist Church with Pastor David Higgs officiating. Interment will follow at Shiloh Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Jimmy is survived by his wife Anita, six children, Josh Hays of Mt. Enterprise, Jamie Flanagan of Crane, MO, Jeff Rumbo of Henderson, Joey Rumbo of Washington, DC, Becky Brunett of Pearland, TX, and Randall Farr of Huntsville, TX. Also, seven grandchildren, his mother, one brother, and two sisters.

Pallbearers are Jackie Risinger, Ricki Keeling, Steve Jones, Paul Reeves, Roger Grounds, and Leon Sanders. Honorary pallbearers will be the Commissioners of the Court of Rusk County.

Memorials are welcomed to the Hospice of East Texas with overwhelming

gratitude to each member of the Hospice Team.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Shiloh Cemetery

Hwy 315  
Mt. Enterprise, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
207 W. Main St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

## Service

APR **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
207 W. Main St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - April 09, 2015 at 10:03 AM

LJ

“ *Dear Anita & Family,  
Just reading all these tributes made me smile ~ I hope they do the same for you. Sweet memories are a wonderful blessing. They & our Heavenly Father will give you comfort in the days to come. I've said it before ~ We know how you cared for him, loved him & laughed with him & the Lord does, too. We look forward to a blessed reunion ~ & soon! Love you Sweet Friend! Lisa & John Jones*

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**Lisa Jones** - April 10, 2015 at 04:51 PM

VH

“ *Valerie Hatcher sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**valerie hatcher** - April 10, 2015 at 01:37 AM

VH

“ Thinking of the family and friends and my prayers are with everyone. He was such a kind , gentle man. His heart was so big and also his personality. I always remember how much he loved his family and friends! Valerie and Betty Hatcher

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**valerie hatcher** - April 10, 2015 at 01:36 AM

LH

“ Leon Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays



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**Leon Harris** - April 09, 2015 at 08:17 PM

DB

“ Donice Benningfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays



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**Donice benningfield** - April 09, 2015 at 07:41 PM

BB

“ Anita and Family  
“Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they have shared and the love they brought into our lives.”

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**Bryan Brennion** - April 09, 2015 at 03:50 PM



“ I regret your loss so much. My deceased brother, Norton Gatlin, always considered him a very close friend and enjoyed visiting with Jimmy very much. He was always telling something that Jimmy had said that was funny. May God Bless you through your time of grief. Sincerely, Ms. Jon Gatlin

Jon Gatlin - April 09, 2015 at 02:20 PM



“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays



pud patterson - April 09, 2015 at 11:25 AM



“ Anita, I'm praying for you and your family. We are working in South Texas or I would be with you. My heart is with you and I love you!



Elizabeth Holland - April 09, 2015 at 10:27 AM



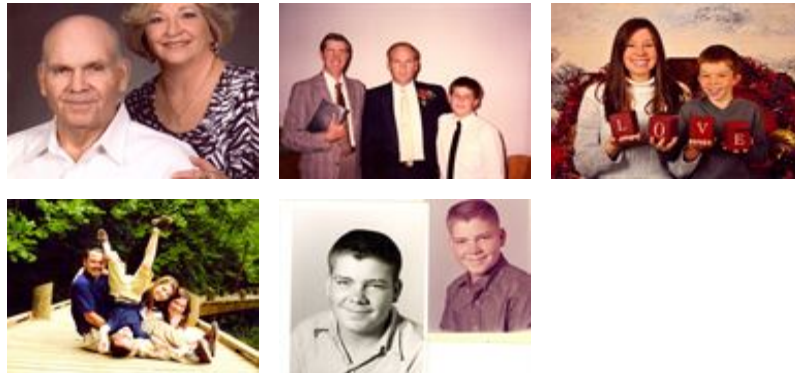
“ Melissa Morton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays



Melissa Morton - April 09, 2015 at 09:55 AM



“ 82 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - April 09, 2015 at 09:54 AM

FP

“ *Our Prayers are with Anita and all the Family of Jimmy Hays. Anita has been a wonderful Caregiver to Jimmy and to all the members of the Family.*

*May God give Peace to the Family as HE has given Peace to Jimmy.*

*Fred & Jackie Powell*

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**Fred Powell** - April 09, 2015 at 09:27 AM

GD

“ *Anita, Your husband's loss has reached out to so many people; with a heartfelt love for you and your family. Jimmy is at home with our Lord Jesus Christ- where plans were made for him long ago. I will keep you in my prayers. Gloria Brown Daughtry*

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**Gloria Brown Daughtry** - April 09, 2015 at 09:09 AM

EG

“ *Ellie Glenn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Ellie Glenn** - April 09, 2015 at 09:03 AM

PH

“ *Patricia Garrett Hardin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Patricia Garrett Hardin** - April 09, 2015 at 12:08 AM

AB

“ *praying for the family A friend Ann Kelly Boatman*



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**Ann Boatman** - April 08, 2015 at 09:22 PM

TG

“ *Tami Jo Grubbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Tami Jo grubbs** - April 08, 2015 at 07:21 PM

SG

“ Steve And Becky Gelwicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays



Steve and Becky Gelwicks - April 08, 2015 at 06:22 PM

BJ

“ I am praying for Anita and rest of family. Jimmy was very fortunate to have Anita in his life. May God give his family peace and comfort.

Betty Johnson - April 08, 2015 at 05:56 PM

TP

“ Tammy Pepper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays



Tammy Pepper - April 08, 2015 at 05:27 PM

DD

“ Danny Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays



Danny Dixon - April 08, 2015 at 04:37 PM

DD

*About 52 years ago Jimmy, his brother Donald and I walked from Nacogdoches Texas to Wells Texas to visit with Curtis McKnight, their cousin. Donald and I would walk to fast for Jimmy and we would wait in the shade while Jimmy caught up. Sometimes there would be a hill between us and we would see Jimmy's head as he came over the hill. Now Jimmy has gone over the hill to Glory Land ahead of us, Donald, and he's waiting on us to get there! Praise The Lord! Danny Dixon*

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**Danny Dixon** - April 08, 2015 at 04:42 PM

JL

“ *Judy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Judy Lewis** - April 08, 2015 at 02:50 PM

LC

“ *I hope to ride the back roads with Jimmy again one day . Our group of friends often did this years ago while having a fresh brew & talking about sports or politics. Our group is getting smaller now. Terry Newman, Gene Birdwell, & now Jimmy Hays Have gone to a better place. That leaves myself ; Larry Creel , Donald Hays , & Don Paul Reeves . Although our group has gotten smaller our memories will live on forever of the good times we all had. RIP Jimmy we love you & wait for the day we will all meet again in heaven waiting to take another ride on the back roads.*

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**Larry Creel** - April 08, 2015 at 02:37 PM

GH

“ *Gaylan Hearn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Gaylan Hearn** - April 08, 2015 at 02:04 PM

DP

“ *Anita, I wanted to let you & your family know that each of your are in my thoughts & prayers during this difficult. Jimmy was such a nice person & I know he will be greatly missed.*

*Debbie Payne*

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**Debbie Payne** - April 08, 2015 at 01:39 PM

LH

“ *Luke Hickman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Luke Hickman** - April 08, 2015 at 01:27 PM

JC

“ *Janice Childers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Janice Childers** - April 08, 2015 at 11:24 AM

TH

“ Tommy Hemphill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays



tommy Hemphill - April 08, 2015 at 11:09 AM

JJ

“ Brandon & Jennifer Jones

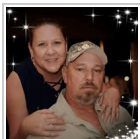


Jennifer Jones - April 08, 2015 at 10:45 AM

SW

“ Ms. Anita and Becky, so sorry to hear of your loss. Lifting you up in thoughts and prayers of peace and comfort during this season of life. Much love, Suzanne Moye Williamson

Suzanne Moye Williamson - April 08, 2015 at 10:18 AM



“ Share a memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays or send condolences to the family.



Jamie Farr - April 08, 2015 at 10:11 AM



“ *Jalynne Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Jalynne Reeves** - April 08, 2015 at 10:07 AM



“ *Tad, Kristie & Trevor Tidwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Tad, Kristie & Trevor Tidwell** - April 08, 2015 at 09:31 AM

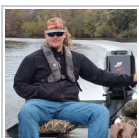


“ *Our deepest sympathy for your loss, May God continue to be with the entire family during this time. Baker Family*



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**Vee Baker** - April 08, 2015 at 09:29 AM



“ *Uncle Jimmy you were always in my life growing up. You will be missed. Say Hi to Jason for me. I know you both will have alot of catching up to do.*



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**Karen Holland** - April 08, 2015 at 09:13 AM

JF

“ *Joseph Nix & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Joseph Nix & Family** - April 08, 2015 at 09:12 AM

DH

“ *Dell & Marilyn Horchem lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Dell & Marilyn Horchem** - April 08, 2015 at 09:07 AM

LM

“ *Lottie Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Lottie Morris** - April 08, 2015 at 08:32 AM

GA

“ *Gale And Terry Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Gale and Terry Austin** - April 08, 2015 at 06:29 AM

CB

“ *Cliff Bilbo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



Cliff Bilbo - April 08, 2015 at 05:35 AM

CB

“ *I'll never for get Jimmy and me trying to catch a 500 pound steer (about 40 years ago) with nothing but our hands and a 12 foot rope. Thanks to Jimmy we got him back to the pasture. We played cards once a month - - Great Fun. When Jimmy would get a good hand I can still remember him saying " You better get yourself some" and then he would get a little grin on his face. He will be missed.*

Cliff Bilbo - April 08, 2015 at 05:33 AM

RF

“ *Randy And Tracey Johnson And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



Randy and Tracey Johnson and Family - April 07, 2015 at 11:42 PM

RS

“ *Robert And Brenda Sears lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



Robert and Brenda Sears - April 07, 2015 at 11:35 PM

KL

“ Kent&Denita Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays



Kent&Denita Little - April 07, 2015 at 10:05 PM

KL

“ Kent And Denita Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays



Kent and Denita Little - April 07, 2015 at 10:04 PM

KL

“ Kent And Denita Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays



Kent and Denita Little - April 07, 2015 at 10:01 PM

TN

“ Tommy And Gayla Nail lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays



Tommy and Gayla Nail - April 07, 2015 at 09:32 PM

AM

“ *Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Amy Miley-Payne** - April 07, 2015 at 07:02 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Bob & Sue Henderson** - April 07, 2015 at 05:33 PM

RV

“ *Roberta Vallantyne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Roberta Vallantyne** - April 07, 2015 at 05:01 PM

BG

“ *Prayers for peace and comfort.  
John & Bonnie Geddie*



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**Bonnie Geddie** - April 07, 2015 at 04:59 PM

JA

“ *Jacki Richardson, AssistCare lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Jacki Richardson, AssistCare** - April 07, 2015 at 04:35 PM

GF

“ *Gary Griffin Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Gary Griffin family** - April 07, 2015 at 03:37 PM

JL

“ *Anita, I love you both. I know that he is at peace now. You both have suffered so much. Now he is resting. Praying for you*



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**Jan Lee** - April 07, 2015 at 02:27 PM

JF

“ *Jolene Fenter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Hays*



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**Jolene Fenter** - April 07, 2015 at 02:02 PM