



## Mr. Lewis N. Summers

February 13, 1934 - April 10, 2024

Graveside services for Mr. Lewis N. Summers, 90, of New London, will be held at 5:00 PM on Friday, April 12, 2024, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery with Rev. Mary Smith officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 PM on Thursday, April 11, at the funeral home.

Lewis Neel Summers, was born on February 13, 1934 to JW (Rabbit) and Jess Lewis Summers and passed from this life on April 10, 2024 at his residence. Born in Livingston, Tx, Lewis graduated from Gaston High School in 1951 and went on to play basketball for Kilgore College. He joined the US Army in 1952 and spent the Korean War working with radar in Philadelphia, PA. Upon his honorable discharge, he attended Stephen F. Austin State University where he played football for the Lumberjacks. He met and married Patsy Williams in 1959. After graduation, Lewis and Patsy moved to Amarillo, TX where he coached junior high athletics under legendary Coach Bum Phillips. In 1969, he moved his family including his two boys, Mike and George, to Denison, Tx where he coached junior high athletics. In 1971, Lewis moved his family home to West Rusk ISD and coached at West Rusk Junior High on the Gaston campus until he retired in 1992.

His 31-year coaching career included many championships in football, basketball and track. Lewis was a great mentor to young men. Lewis was a Christian and lived his life accordingly. He was a member of New London Methodist Church where he served in numerous roles. Lewis was a true gentleman with a kind heart and a quick wit. He loved to laugh.

Lewis was also an avid trophy deer hunter. He won several competitions with the Texas Trophy Hunters Association and was an active member. He was also a fisherman who often cooked his fish for others to enjoy. He and Patsy traveled extensively over the United States.

Lewis and Patsy's oldest son, Mike, was killed in a car accident in 1980. The family established a scholarship in his memory at Stephen F. Austin State University. Many West Rusk students have benefited from this scholarship over the years. In 2014, his youngest son, George died suddenly. Through these tragedies, Lewis continued to help others.

Lewis is survived by his brother, Charles and wife Patsy of Lantana, TX; his sister-in-law Janis Williams Underwood of Kilgore; brother and sister-in-law, Jim Bob and Janice Williams of Longview. Nephews and Nieces: Dr. Joel Underwood (Meghan) of Bozeman Montana; Johna Underwood (Paul) Tritt of Kilgore; Kelly Williams (JaNel) of New London; Matt Summers (Suzanne) of Lantana; Shannon Summers (Steve) Llewellyn of Lantana; Cindy (Jack) Venable of Kilgore; Stacy (Mark) Dixon of Plano, and numerous great nephews and nieces.

Lewis was preceded in death by his sons, John Michael Summers and George Wyatt Summers; wife Patsy Summers; and brother and sister-in-law Joe and Marilyn Summers, and brother-in-law John Underwood.

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



# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Hwy 323 and CR 4131  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Graveside

APR 12. 5:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Hill Cemetery  
Hwy 323  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall

BA

“ *Becky Adams lit a candle in memory of Lewis N. Summers*



**Becky Adams** - April 19, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ *Karla Hendrix Griffith lit a candle in memory of Lewis N. Summers*



**Karla Hendrix Griffith** - April 15, 2024 at 10:42 AM

AW

“ *Albert Weaver lit a candle in memory of Lewis N. Summers*



**Albert Weaver** - April 12, 2024 at 05:20 PM

JS

“ *Jose Salazar lit a candle in memory of Lewis N. Summers*



**Jose Salazar** - April 12, 2024 at 07:00 AM

PH

“ *Paul Hardin lit a candle in memory of Lewis N. Summers*



Paul Hardin - April 11, 2024 at 07:40 PM

AS

“ *You always made me smile when I came to class. You were my favorite teacher! Such a wonderful personality and funny. you always made us kids laugh! Always be in all our hearts forever! Praying for the family for your loss.*



april sadler - April 11, 2024 at 07:33 PM

KS

“ *Coach Summers was so nice- and a great teacher.  
Chris and Kelly (Loveall) Sharp.*



Kelly Sharp - April 11, 2024 at 03:38 PM

TC

“ *Tony Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Lewis N. Summers*



Tony Cavaliere - April 11, 2024 at 12:00 PM

AJ

“ *Andy Jones lit a candle in memory of Lewis N. Summers*



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**Andy Jones** - April 11, 2024 at 10:11 AM

MS

“ *Marvin Smith lit a candle in memory of Lewis N. Summers*



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**Marvin Smith** - April 11, 2024 at 09:47 AM

DK

“ *David & Dianna Kelley*



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**David & Dianna Kelley** - April 11, 2024 at 12:45 AM

KH

“ Coach Summers was one of my favorite people ever . I had him in science in the 8th grade . When he said take notes on the next 2 chapters and we will have a test tomorrow 😞 George and I sat beside each other . We would just look at each other and make a face .

Loved to watch him coach those young men ! He was a great example to them and a mentor . Such a kind and gentle man . Rest in peace . I will see you some day . Thanks for being my mentor ! We will miss you !

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**Kathy Hlavaty** - April 10, 2024 at 09:01 PM

KH

“ Kathy Hlavaty sent a virtual gift in memory of Lewis N. Summers



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**Kathy Hlavaty** - April 10, 2024 at 08:55 PM

TE

“ Tamara Jerry Elliott lit a candle in memory of Lewis N. Summers



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**Tamara and Jerry Elliott** - April 10, 2024 at 06:58 PM

SM

“ *Shirley Mayo lit a candle in memory of Lewis N. Summers*



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**Shirley Mayo** - April 10, 2024 at 05:39 PM

SS

“ *Susan&Rex Stevens lit a candle in memory of Lewis N. Summers*



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**Susan&Rex Stevens** - April 10, 2024 at 03:37 PM