



## Mrs. Matt Burt Gabriel

August 2, 1937 - November 3, 2023

Matt Burt Gabriel, 86, of Henderson passed away peacefully at her home on the morning of Friday, November 3rd, 2023. Matt is survived by her loving husband Don Gabriel of Henderson; best friend and daughter Joni Williams and her husband Paul of Frisco; and grandson Chance Williams and his wife Alyson of Fort Worth.

She is also survived by her nieces, Dale Burt of Henderson, Debbie Batchelor and husband Ray of Henderson, Suzanne Crim and husband Steve of Whitehouse, and Gina Cryer of Wildwood; brother-in-law Johnnie Brandon of Wildwood; nephews Britt Burt and wife Lisa of Katy, Tommy Burt of Galveston, and Jared Burt and wife Sara of Temple; stepchildren Stan Gabriel and wife Deanne of Lufkin, and Stacie Jordan and husband Scott of Tyler; and sister-in-law Gail Wickstrom of New Mexico; along with step-grandchildren and numerous grand-nieces, grand-nephews, and cousins.

Matt is preceded in death by her parents, Ellie Mae and O.F. Burt; her five siblings: Charles Burt, Maxie Burt, Becky King, Jimmy Burt, and Mary Brandon; sister-in-law Mickey Burt, niece Susie King, and nephew Calvin Cryer.

Matt was born in Henderson on August 2nd, 1937. She graduated from Henderson High School in 1955 and attended Tyler Commercial College

before starting her career with the Henderson Daily Newspaper and later at Pritchard & Abbott. Matt began her long and distinguished tenure at the Rusk County Tax Office on January 1st, 1965, working there for 48 years before her retirement on December 31st, 2012. She served as the Rusk County Tax Assessor-Collector for 20 of those years, holding the office from 1993-2012. During this time Matt also worked as a proofreader for her friend and shorthand reporter John Foster, and in the office at the Ballow Brothers Car Auction.

Matt was a beloved member of the Rusk County and Henderson communities. Among the many organizations to which she belonged include the Kiwanis Club, the Women's Forum, and the First Baptist Church of Henderson, where she was a member of the church choir and Jackie Legg's Sunday school class.

Matt married Don Gabriel on March 29th, 2008, at a beautiful ceremony held at the First Baptist Church. Matt was very proud that she was able to spend the final 14 years of her life living with Don on the same farm on which she was born and raised with her five siblings.

The Burt family was a tight-knit group, and Matt cherished her childhood memories growing up in Henderson with her loving parents and siblings.

Matt put her faith, family, and friends at the forefront of her life. Her family will always remember her humility, devotion, selflessness, and quick wit. In a world where many are quick to force their opinions and beliefs upon others, Matt instead led quietly by example. Her character and attitude were an inspiration to those around her. Matt was exceedingly proud of her Rusk County roots and the friendships that she forged over her many years as a public servant and member of the community. Her bright and loving smile, kind words, and witty sense of humor will be missed by all of those who knew her.

Matt's family will receive family and friends at a service held in her honor on Wednesday, November 8th at 11am at the First Baptist Church of Henderson. The service will be officiated by Pastor Jared Burt and Dr. David Higgs. The family will afterward receive friends in the Mall area at the church. Pallbearers will be Britt Burt, Ray Batchelor, Steve Crim, Brandon Crim, Casey Crim, and Colby Crim.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Henderson at 207 West Main St, Henderson, TX 75652, the Millville Cemetery Foundation at PO Box 972, Henderson, TX 75653, or a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be made at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Millville Cemetery

FM 782 at CR 254  
TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Visitation following service

NOV 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Mall Area  
207 W. Main  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Matt Burt Gabriel*



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - November 07, 2023 at 01:25 PM

BN

*Prayers for Don and Family 🙏*

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**Bobby Nichols** - November 08, 2023 at 09:55 PM

BE

*Loved Matt's smile and countenance. Respect her brilliance and modesty. One of the most genuine women I have ever known.*

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**Bonnie Estes** - November 09, 2023 at 10:14 PM

SM

“ *Shannon Jason McKey lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



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**Shannon & Jason McKey** - November 21, 2023 at 04:14 PM

SH

“ Sue HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Sue HENDERSON - November 15, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Donna Aaron - November 11, 2023 at 12:26 AM

GW

“ I have so much empathy for what you're experiencing at this time. May you find peace and comfort in your memories of Matt.



Gail Wickstrom - November 09, 2023 at 07:01 PM

WW

“ Wendy Wickstrom lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Wendy Wickstrom - November 09, 2023 at 06:54 PM

DG

“ *Dinah Gray lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



Dinah Gray - November 08, 2023 at 11:37 PM

CN

“ *Clay & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*

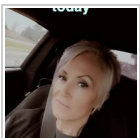


Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - November 08, 2023 at 12:50 PM

VM

“ *I have such fond memories of Matt as we were in the same graduating class at HHS, and many years later she was particularly helpful in a land transfer transaction. Many miles separated us after graduation, but her legacy will live on. May God comfort her family and friends during this time of sadness.*

Velta Gray Morris - November 08, 2023 at 09:48 AM



“ *Jamie Clark lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



Jamie Clark - November 08, 2023 at 08:16 AM

JJ

“ *Judy Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



Judy K Jarrell - November 07, 2023 at 06:03 PM

CS

“ *Carl Diana Smith lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



Carl & Diana Smith - November 07, 2023 at 11:34 AM

TK

“ *Matt was the Best boss anyone could ask for. I worked for the Tatum substation for 24 yrs.Matt would send me cards occasionally to thank me for my service. So sorry for the family and friends.*

Theresa King - November 07, 2023 at 11:03 AM

GC

“ *gina cryer lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



gina cryer - November 06, 2023 at 11:04 PM

DC

“ *David Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



David and Jan Crow - November 06, 2023 at 10:18 PM

JC

“ *My deepest sympathy.*

Jimmy Culp - November 06, 2023 at 06:57 PM

PU

“ *Matt was such a beautiful person inside and out she will be missed. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Penny Utzman - November 06, 2023 at 03:06 PM

TM

“ *Tami Moore lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



Tami Moore - November 06, 2023 at 01:52 PM

SB

*I didn't know her but knowing how she influenced her wonderful nephew. I know she was special and loved greatly*

Sherry D Beavers - November 07, 2023 at 07:15 AM

SB

*Special lady in many ways*

Sherry D Beavers - November 07, 2023 at 07:17 AM

GT

*Prayers for your family in this time of life*

**george taylor** - November 08, 2023 at 11:06 PM

TM

“ *Trudy McGill lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



**Trudy McGill** - November 06, 2023 at 12:43 PM

PC

“ *Paula Crim lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



**Paula Crim** - November 06, 2023 at 09:48 AM

KM

“ *Such a sweet, kind and caring person who was a true lady. She will be missed!*



**Karen Medford** - November 06, 2023 at 09:33 AM

BB

“ *Blake Ballenger lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



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**Blake Ballenger** - November 06, 2023 at 07:55 AM

WR

“ *Winnie Ramey lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



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**Winnie Ramey** - November 06, 2023 at 03:48 AM

BG

“ *A true respected lady, an icon in Rusk County who always had a smile, a kind word and was a true servant of God. I was neighbors with Matt for over 33 years and I miss her. Prayers for peace and comfort for family and friends, and know she was reunited with her loved ones. Rest in Peace Sweet Lady*  
*Bonnie Geddie*



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**Bonnie Geddie** - November 05, 2023 at 08:27 PM

BB

“ *Such a gracious lady. Joni, thinking of you. My deepest sympathies.*

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**Beverly Baughman** - November 05, 2023 at 07:37 PM

SP

“ Sue Plummer lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Sue Plummer - November 05, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ Ron Audas lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Ron Audas - November 05, 2023 at 05:52 PM

JH

“ Such a wonderful lady!!! 🌻🌹💕💕💕💕 I called her Moma Matt she always made me feel loved. Joann Wylie Hinsley

Joann Hinsley - November 05, 2023 at 03:40 PM

BM

“ Many fond memories of the Burt family. Matt was a woman of the highest integrity, grace and class. Always faithful to honor God and her family. Praying for strength and comfort for Don, Joni and family.

Bonnie Majors Mckenzie - November 05, 2023 at 01:24 PM

BC

“ *Brandon Lauren Crim lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



Brandon & Lauren Crim - November 05, 2023 at 11:39 AM

SD

“ *May God be with your family and give you Peace. Much love.*



Sherri Davis - November 05, 2023 at 11:08 AM

TB

“ *Tammy Ballew lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



Tammy Ballew - November 05, 2023 at 08:28 AM

LS

“ *Leslie Spell lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



Leslie Spell - November 04, 2023 at 11:09 PM

KS

“ Praying for Matt’s precious family. She was a beautiful person who was always kind and gracious.

Kathy King Sullivan - November 04, 2023 at 09:45 PM

KC

“ Kim Cobb lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Kim Cobb - November 04, 2023 at 09:44 PM

ML

“ Mary Lowe lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Mary Lowe - November 04, 2023 at 09:33 PM

MB

“ Margaret Brown lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Margaret G Brown - November 04, 2023 at 09:31 PM

SB

“ *Sherri Baker lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



**Sherri Baker** - November 04, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ *A dear incredible lady who was loved by many. I worked with her when I was sixteen and again 25 years later and she was always the same. A very caring kind warm individual and hardworking as any I ever knew. You will be missed Matt.*

**Linda Smith** - November 04, 2023 at 03:18 PM

JT

“ *Jill Turner lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



**Jill Dulany Turner** - November 04, 2023 at 02:44 PM

WP

“ *We're so sad to hear of Matt's passing. We have great memories from way back at Eastside Baptist Church...*

**wendell and Anne pool** - November 04, 2023 at 12:46 PM

VW

“ Matt was a follower of Jesus Christ. She always had a smile to share, and she enjoyed singing praises to the Lord in the First Baptist Choir. Our love and prayers are with her family. John and Vicky Waldie



Vicky Waldie - November 04, 2023 at 12:37 PM

MS

“ Monica Bob Sanders lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Monica & Bob Sanders - November 04, 2023 at 12:21 PM

KP

“ Kathy Porter lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Kathy Porter - November 04, 2023 at 12:17 PM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Gary Wilkerson - November 04, 2023 at 11:18 AM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Gary Wilkerson - November 04, 2023 at 10:32 AM

CL

“ Charlotte Lockridge lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Charlotte Lockridge - November 04, 2023 at 10:31 AM

SB

“ Stephanie Burt lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Stephanie Burt - November 04, 2023 at 10:11 AM

RC

“ Regina Callender lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Regina Callender - November 04, 2023 at 10:10 AM

DN

“ Donna Newman lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Donna Newman - November 04, 2023 at 10:08 AM

BM

“ Love and prayers to the family. Matt was such a precious person. I am blessed to have known her.

Betty Mullens - November 04, 2023 at 09:58 AM

DK

“ In Our Thoughts, with Love & Prayers  
Dianna & David Kelley



Dianna & David Kelley - November 04, 2023 at 09:04 AM

NR

“ I have known Matt all my life. Will never forget what a wonderful Christian role model she was to us teenage girls at church. She loved the Lord with all her heart and loved her family. See you soon sweet friend. Nelwyn



Nelwyn Richardson - November 04, 2023 at 09:01 AM

ED

“ Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Elaine Davis - November 04, 2023 at 08:36 AM



“ Joe White lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Joe White - November 04, 2023 at 07:58 AM

LL

“ Linda Long lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Linda Long - November 04, 2023 at 07:38 AM

CK

“ Chris Linda King lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



Chris and Linda King - November 04, 2023 at 07:04 AM

MB

“ Mandy Burton sent a virtual gift in memory of Matt Gabriel



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**Mandy Burton** - November 04, 2023 at 03:48 AM

DC

“ I am so very sorry to hear of sweet Matt's passing, but I know she is healed and with Jesus. She was a very special lady to me and I was blessed to have worked for her at the Tax Office for over 12 years. She was the kindest, sweetest, most Christ like lady and I will always cherish the memories made with her. Praying for Don , Joni and family. ❤️🙏



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**Debbie Cook** - November 04, 2023 at 02:41 AM

NK

“ Nancy Kniffen lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel



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**Nancy Ann Kniffen** - November 04, 2023 at 12:26 AM

AT

“ The absolute classiest woman that I ever worked for and a true person.



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**Ashly Turner** - November 03, 2023 at 11:39 PM

BK

“ *Becky Krajewski lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



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**Becky Krajewski** - November 03, 2023 at 10:58 PM

LW

“ *Lacy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



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**Lacy Weaver** - November 03, 2023 at 10:39 PM

SC

“ *Suzanne Cross lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



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**Suzanne Cross** - November 03, 2023 at 09:29 PM

BP

“ *Prayers for family. She will be missed*

*Beth Hale Pope*

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**Beth Pope** - November 03, 2023 at 09:15 PM

KB

“ *Matt was a beautiful person and will be missed.*

Keith Ballow - November 03, 2023 at 09:04 PM

KB

“ *Keith Ballow lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



Keith Ballow - November 03, 2023 at 09:03 PM

MG

“ *Missy & Steve Green lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



Missy Hacker & Steve Green - November 03, 2023 at 06:57 PM

PD

“ *Pat Davis lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



Pat Davis - November 03, 2023 at 05:51 PM

KS

“ *A very, very nice lady. We met when we worked evenings at Ballow Bros. Auto Auction. RIP*



**Karen&Jerry Smith** - November 03, 2023 at 05:49 PM

TC

“ *Tony Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



**Tony and Anita Cavaliere** - November 03, 2023 at 05:25 PM

KC

“ *Kristy Campbell lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



**Kristy Campbell** - November 03, 2023 at 05:08 PM

KC

“ *Kay Castleberry lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



**Kay Castleberry** - November 03, 2023 at 04:33 PM

BR

“ *Matt Burt Gabriel...a good woman and a fine lady. Talking to the Father when God called her home. His Peace for all her sweet family is my prayer this day.*

**Bobby Joe Reickenbacker** - November 03, 2023 at 04:30 PM

KS

“ *Karen Smith lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



**Karen Haskins Smith** - November 03, 2023 at 01:49 PM

MS

“ *Matt was a lovely lady who served the Lord as well as Rusk County. She was always gracious and kind to everyone.*



**Margaret and Doyle Sumrall** - November 03, 2023 at 01:25 PM

MC

“ *Milton Angie Christian lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



**Milton & Angie Christian** - November 03, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Barbara J Jolley lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



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**Barbara J Jolley** - November 03, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Pat Davis lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



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**Pat Davis** - November 03, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *Cliff Krista Furtick lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



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**Cliff and Krista Furtick** - November 03, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *Jake Jordan lit a candle in memory of Matt Gabriel*



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**Jake Jordan** - November 03, 2023 at 12:10 PM