



Mr. Mike Pepper

October 14, 1951 - January 2, 2015

Funeral services for Mr. Mike Pepper, 63, of Tatum, will be held at 2 pm on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at Bar None Cowboy Church with Rev. Ted White officiating. Interment will follow at Chalk Hill Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm on Monday, January 5, 2015 at the funeral home.

Mr. Pepper passed away January 2, 2015 in Tyler. He was born October 14, 1951 in Longview to the late Wiley and Martha Wilson Pepper and spent most of his life in Tatum. Mike served as Rusk County Commissioner for Precinct 2, a position he has held since 2006.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Darwin Tiner.

Survivors include: wife, Tammy Pepper of Tatum; sons, Craig Glass and wife Janna, Michael Pepper, and Clint Pepper, all of Tatum; daughters, Mallory Moses and husband Robert, and Alaina Glass, all of Tatum; brother, Bo Pepper and wife Arlene of Tatum, and Mickey Tiner and wife Cathy of West Columbia; sister, Karen Gary McFarland and husband Mike of Lake Cherokee; and granddaughter, Marlei Moses.

Pallbearers will be Cesario Rios, Chun Haughton, Justin Deen, Jerry Conner, Mike Tillison, and Jeff Rumbo. Honorary pallbearers will be Melvin McAllister, Roger Clark, Ruben Martinez, Clyde Stevens, James McAllister, Darrel Bray, Rick Cain, and Roy Wylie.

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

Cemetery Details

Chalk Hill Cemetery

FM 1716
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bar None Cowboy Church
9162 HWY 43 E.
Tatum, TX 75691

Tribute Wall



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



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 04, 2015 at 05:01 PM



Just beautiful!!!

Sherry Liles - January 04, 2015 at 06:53 PM

JR

Mike was an amazing county commissioner. I was devastated along with so many others at the loss of our beloved commissioner! My heart goes out to his family. He was the kindest most dedicated person I have ever met. Such a gentle man and so loved by everyone. I would like to share a story that is a wonderful example of the kind of man that Mike was - that many of you know already! I called him a few months ago while he was in the hospital to tell him we were praying for him and to tell him how much we appreciated him and loved him. He was so excited he was getting out of the hospital that day and he said he was getting back to work right away and that he was going to help us out in our community. He went on and I had to interrupt him to tell him we were fine and that we just wanted him to rest for as long as it took and get himself better. He was so dedicated and wanted to help everyone he could. Our neighborhood has so improved under Mike - he worked so hard for us - and our neighborhood is but one of so many I'm sure! We loved Mike and his precious wife and are praying for Tammy and family during this difficult time. We will NEVER forget Mike!!

Judy Rothrock - January 05, 2015 at 11:08 AM

VH

an amazing life with an amazing family! God is with you always. he will be so missed, but never forgotten!!

vicki holcomb - January 06, 2015 at 10:06 AM

JF

We are so sorry for your loss and realize words cannot help but it is all we can offer. We were not close but Mike more than once shared his friendship with us, especially in our times of need. He was a fine Christian gentleman in spirit and deed, in the truest sense of the words. He will be sorely missed. The Golub family, Jim, Jill and the boys.

J. Golub & family - January 07, 2015 at 11:47 AM

EK

I can't find the words to say exactly how much this hard working, dedicated, sweet man will be missed. There will never be another one like him. He always came in with a smile and a joke or funny story and was always cutting up with us. I am so grateful that the Lord put this man in my life. I am a better person for knowing Mike Pepper. Our love and prayers go out to his sweet family. Mike would be so very proud of you Tammy. You have handled everthing with such love and grace. Go with God, Mike Pepper.....you are so loved and we will never, ever forget you.

*Emmie Kubik,
Rusk County Auditor's office*

Emmie Kubik - January 08, 2015 at 01:14 PM

RL

“ Dear Family,

Mike was a good man and a great commissioner for Rusk County. He cared so much for people and felt the need to serve which he will be remembered for. I have known Mike for many years in doing work for him and will remember him for the good things he did for our county and for being a friend to all. He will be missed. God bless you all.

*Sincerely,
Roy L. Lemley RPLS and Family*

Roy Lemley - January 10, 2015 at 07:35 AM

LR

“ *Tammy and family, my heart broke when I heard that Mike Pepper was called home. He was so kind, gentle hearted and soft spoken to be such a giant of a man. I admired him and respected him because he was never afraid of hard work and was always willing to help anyone who needed a hand. May God comfort you and strengthen you.*

Linda Ramsey - January 08, 2015 at 09:18 PM

GN

“ *Please accept out heartfelt sympathy for the loss of Mr. Pepper. May you find renewed strength with each new day.....Paul and Glenda Nelson*



Glenda Nelson - January 08, 2015 at 06:01 PM

AN

“ *Angela Nolen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Angela Nolen - January 06, 2015 at 07:07 PM

JS

“ *Mike was a giant of a man in the surrounding communities. His smile was contagious. Look to God For your strength during these difficult times.*

Jackie Shaw - January 06, 2015 at 12:59 PM

CS

“ *Cynthia Bell Saxon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Cynthia Bell Saxon - January 06, 2015 at 12:24 PM

CC

“ *Bo, Gage, Missy, Cody, Daniel, Terry, Tammy and Kids,
Im sorry for your loss. Im praying for you and the family at a time when only God has the answers. May the memories of Mike last forever.*

*God Bless,
Cyndilee Cox-Matthews
Henderson, Tx*



Cyndilee Cox-Matthews - January 06, 2015 at 12:12 PM

DH

“ *Dee Hartt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Dee Hartt - January 06, 2015 at 11:07 AM

LL

“ *His expert work and exemplary actions toward all he met will not soon be forgotten. He will be in my prayers from Michigan.
Deacon Len Luscomb*

Len Luscomb - January 06, 2015 at 11:05 AM



“ *Everyone loves Pepper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Everyone loves Pepper - January 06, 2015 at 08:33 AM



“ *Kamila Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Kamila Brown - January 06, 2015 at 08:31 AM



“ *From the office of Texas Barge & Boat Inc. Mickey Tiner and employees send many heart warming condolences to the family of Mr. Pepper.*



yolanda quinones - January 06, 2015 at 08:12 AM



“ *Kristie Tidwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Kristie Tidwell - January 05, 2015 at 05:20 PM

WJ

“ Wayne Jimmerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Wayne Jimmerson - January 05, 2015 at 05:19 PM

JB

“ Jerry & Scherry Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Jerry & Scherry Barnes - January 05, 2015 at 03:30 PM

VT

“ Valpheaus & Cleo Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Valpheaus & Cleo Thompson - January 05, 2015 at 03:28 PM

LF

“ Lawrence & Wanda Fillingim lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Lawrence & Wanda Fillingim - January 05, 2015 at 02:45 PM

SW

“ Mike always helped out in any given situation. I came to know him and became friends with him through work and I must say, he was one of the nicest people I knew. Always finding solutions in any situation that arose. Someone I could always count on. My prayers go out to his family. Heaven has gained another angel, but he will surely be missed here on earth. Rest in Peace my friend.

*Shelly Williams
Tatum City Secretary*

Shelly Williams - January 05, 2015 at 02:41 PM

MR

“ Mike was a great help for our church, Oakhill United Methodist Hospital and he also personally helped Mattie Walling a number of times with some problems and was there for many people without fail. He was a kind and generous man. He will be sorely missed by this community.

Mattie Walling and Son, Robert - January 05, 2015 at 01:32 PM

BG

“ Praying for peace and comfort to the Pepper family during this difficult time.
John & Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - January 05, 2015 at 01:28 PM

BW

“ *Bob & Bettie Wood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Bob & Bettie Wood - January 05, 2015 at 01:18 PM

JW

“ *Such a FINE MAN.....Johnny and Tootsie Weaver*

Johnny Weaver - January 05, 2015 at 12:17 PM

MH

“ *Marshall And Lucy Harman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Marshall and Lucy Harman - January 05, 2015 at 11:50 AM

JA

“ *Mrs Tammy and Mallory, We love your family so much, and was so upset to hear about Mike, he was always so funny a real good guy. He will be genuinely missed. We will keep your family in our prayers, and yall are always in our hearts.*

Jourdan Aguilar - January 05, 2015 at 10:31 AM

LA

“ Tammy and family,
We are so very sorry for your loss.
May you find strength in the love of family and in the warm embrace
of friends and
know that God will comfort you during this difficult time.
Your in our thoughts and prayers.

Rusk County Courthouse Security,

*Sgt. JB Hill
Deputy L. Graham
Deputy B. Lehman
Deputy B. Thompson
Deputy S. Lee
Deputy K. Miley*

Laura - January 05, 2015 at 10:20 AM

JA

“ Jourdan Aguilar lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Mike Pepper



Jourdan Aguilar - January 05, 2015 at 10:18 AM

TD

“ Terry Lynda Deyoung lit a candle in memory
of Mr. Mike Pepper



Terry Lynda Deyoung - January 05, 2015 at 10:05 AM

JS

“ *Jimmy Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Jimmy Skinner - January 05, 2015 at 09:54 AM

JS

“ *Judy Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Judy Stokes - January 05, 2015 at 09:53 AM

ST

“ *Tammy and kids I am so sorry for your loss of Mike. He was such a sweet and loving person. He will be missed by all. Sandra Donaldson Thur*

Sandra Thur - January 05, 2015 at 09:27 AM

TH

“ Tammy, I have no words to express how sad I am for you and your family or how happy I am for Mike. We cry so much for the loss of our loved ones when they leave us. It's all about US.....it's about what we want !!!!! But, oh my goodness.....Mike is where we all long to be, released from all of our problems, our physical ailments and he is happy, happy, happy. Jesus told Mike, "don't worry, I have your precious family in the palm of My hand and I will take care of them and you will see them again.....rest in Me". When the time comes.....we will know the WHY !!!!! But, for now just rest in those precious memories and in Mike's prayers that he sends your way and know that God is a just God and what was done was done for the good of all. Our time on this earth is so short, so, so short.....it's but a moment and you will see him again! God Bless and hold each one of you to his heart and comfort you with His everlasting love. Tina Hampton-Courtney



Tina Hampton-Courtney - January 05, 2015 at 09:17 AM

CA

“ We are very sad to hear this news and will miss Mike. He was a great man and had a helpful heart to everyone.

Carolyn - January 05, 2015 at 08:40 AM

RC

“ Rhonda Courson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Rhonda Courson - January 05, 2015 at 08:07 AM

MM

“ I can't believe my dad is really gone...it hurts so bad. My baby girl Marlei will miss her Kapt'n..he loved all of us kids but I don't think we could ever compete with his grand baby!! Until we meet again save us a spot up there! We love you!!



Mallory mooses - January 05, 2015 at 01:45 AM

Alaina Glass

“ I love you and miss you so much Mike!!



Alaina Glass - January 04, 2015 at 09:08 PM

CM

“ Claudia Morgan-Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Claudia Morgan-Gray - January 04, 2015 at 09:00 PM

TD

“ Terry & Lynda Fulmer Deyoung lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Terry & Lynda Fulmer Deyoung - January 04, 2015 at 06:36 PM

MP

“ *Mark Pugh lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



mark pugh - January 04, 2015 at 05:33 PM

CS

“ *Christene Ray Sapp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Christene Ray Sapp - January 04, 2015 at 03:50 PM

FP

“ *Floyd & Jeanette Pepper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Floyd & Jeanette Pepper - January 04, 2015 at 03:49 PM

NB

“ Was always fun to visit with the Pepper Boys at Ford's Grocery store where we all stopped in to keep up on the news around Cherokee. Mike had so many funny real life stories that I have repeated many times.....he truly was a great guy that could fill a door literally and keep us all laughing. RIP Mike....you will be missed!

*Nell Raper Boren
formerly Lake Cherokee*

Nell Raper Boren - January 04, 2015 at 03:38 PM

JS

“ Mike was a good man and would do anything for anybody. We'll miss him! Condolences to his family.



Joey & Ashley Shivers - January 04, 2015 at 02:36 PM

BP

“ Benny Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Benny Payne - January 04, 2015 at 02:24 PM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



pud patterson - January 04, 2015 at 02:21 PM

KT

“ Mike Pepper was a kind and generous person. He was Commissioner of Precinct 2 but he was never too busy to help us at our church at Oak Hill Methodist Church. He helped us many times. My prayers are with his family. Kay Trammell

Kay Trammell - January 04, 2015 at 01:21 PM

CJ

“ Charles An Valen Robinson JR lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Charles an Valen Robinson JR - January 04, 2015 at 01:16 PM

CR

“ Charile And Tammy Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



charile and Tammy Robinson - January 04, 2015 at 01:14 PM

EM

“ Elizabeth Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Elizabeth Morgan - January 04, 2015 at 12:54 PM

RC

“ Mike was a wonderful man. He will be greatly missed. Rusty Campbell



Rusty Campbell - January 04, 2015 at 11:47 AM

JV

“ Jimmy An Brenda Valentine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Jimmy an Brenda Valentine - January 04, 2015 at 11:00 AM



“ Sherry Liles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Sherry Liles - January 04, 2015 at 09:58 AM



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



Sherry Liles - January 04, 2015 at 09:57 AM



“ *Gerald & Linda Cochran lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Gerald & Linda Cochran - January 04, 2015 at 08:40 AM



“ *Tammy Pepper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Tammy Pepper - January 04, 2015 at 02:56 AM



“ *We have enjoyed knowing Commissioner Pepper and we will miss having him as a commissioner in our precinct and community. We could always depend on him. He was a man of word and deed.*
Danny and Carletta Burrows

Danny and Carletta Burrows - January 04, 2015 at 01:47 AM

SA

“ *The Longview News Journal Headline on Friday, January 2nd, 2015: "Rusk County Mourns Beloved Commissioner" Surely the author of this feature must have known Mike and realized just what we here in Rusk County have lost.*

Like many of you, I know I've lost a Dear Friend.

Mike & Tammy and Family were our next door neighbors at first, but then they became so much more. We got to know them as I'm sure many of you have... a handshake and a greeting...at first, and somehow, you feel like you've known them always and they're a part of your Family. Indeed, they are!

Mike and Tammy were great partners in the game of life. Where you saw one, the other was not far behind, and somehow you just felt better after witnessing their great teamwork. Proverbs 31:10-31 comes to mind.

Lose a Family Member? Mike & Tammy were there. Need help? You had to literally be careful what you asked for because the man's kindness and generosity knew no bounds.

Although tears of loss cast a veil over the joy of having known Mike as our Friend and County Leader, we are overwhelmingly encouraged and gifted for having had him in our midst. You made a difference, Mike!

Thank You, Mike, and Tammy. May God Richly Bless & Comfort the Pepper Family during this sad time.

*Sam & Sonja Adams
Tatum*

Sam & Sonja Adams - January 04, 2015 at 01:00 AM

TF

“ *The Dana Woods Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



The Dana Woods Family - January 04, 2015 at 12:33 AM

CP

“ *All my love and support to the family of Mike. There are hard days to come, but look the The Lord and he will give you the strength to press on.*

Cynthia Pepper-Erwin - January 03, 2015 at 11:59 PM

VH

“ Tammy & Family,

We are so saddened to hear of your loss. Mike was a great man, always with a smile, and always with laughter. Our Father in heaven will never leave us nor forsake us. it's hard to understand these things sometimes, but his will is being fulfilled with the righteous and the faithful servant. He has laid the temple of one of the Greatest Angels here on earth down and called him home. I felt honored to have been a part of helping him arrange his speech to be put in the paper for his commissioner seat he held. He held that office with the utmost and was clearly dedicated to do his job for his precinct. Words cannot express the feelings we have for you and your family and we are praying for you. His mansion awaits him and the Glorious Face of our Lord & Saviour. You will be truly missed and never forgotten.

Our deepest Sympathies to you all, I am praying for you heartfelt pain to be eased with each passing day.

Vicki & Jim Holcomb

Vicki Holcomb - January 03, 2015 at 11:37 PM

CH

“ Charles Helton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Charles Helton - January 03, 2015 at 08:33 PM



“ Tammy and family, my heart was broken with the loss of Mike, you all know how much he meant to me. I am very blessed to have been in his life and all of you. There are not enough words to describe the greatness of this man and he will certainly be missed by everyone. May GOD hold all of you in his arms and bring you the comfort that only he can do. R.I.P. Mike Pepper I love you big. Until I see you again!!!

Sherry Liles - January 03, 2015 at 07:27 PM

TS

“ Tommy Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Tommy Simmons - January 03, 2015 at 07:10 PM

BT

“ Bob Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Bob Turner - January 03, 2015 at 06:41 PM

LD

“ Lynn Dennis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Lynn Dennis - January 03, 2015 at 06:08 PM

WH

“ Our prayers are with each and everyone of you at this difficult time in your lives.

Wanda Holland and Virgil Bennett.



Wanda Holland - January 03, 2015 at 06:00 PM

BW

“ Bobby And Lanita Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Bobby and Lanita Whitehead - January 03, 2015 at 04:52 PM

PG

“ PJ Greer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



PJ Greer - January 03, 2015 at 04:47 PM

PG

It was an honor and privilege to know Mike. I have so many wonderful memories of Mike. Cecil so enjoyed working with him. Tammy and family you are in my prayers.

PJ Greer - January 03, 2015 at 04:50 PM

JB

“ Johnny & Patti Beall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Johnny & Patti Beall - January 03, 2015 at 04:35 PM

JB

“ To the family,

Our hearts are so heavy right now, after hearing of the untimely passing of Mr. Mike Pepper. He was such a friendly, kind, compassionate and dependable person. We had no idea he was even ill. Any time we called him about anything at all, concerning Precinct 2, he would practically be there before you hung up the phone to address the issue. Not many people would do that.....in fact no one I know of would. There will never be another like him. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and in the days to come. Mike will most definitely be missed by so many. May God ease your pain and bless you all.....

*Johnny and Patti Beall
Stewart Community
Precinct 2*

Johnny & Patti Beall - January 03, 2015 at 04:33 PM

AK

“ Angie King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Angie King - January 03, 2015 at 03:40 PM

LL

“ *Linda Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Linda Lewis - January 03, 2015 at 02:41 PM

KP

“ *Kavin And Connie Powers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Kavin and Connie Powers - January 03, 2015 at 02:26 PM



“ *We have no words to express how much we loved Mike. He was a giver, through & through! He could create laughter no matter where we were or what we were doing. We cherish the memories of our many trips together and the many "stories" that he would tell. It is hard to understand why the Lord would call him home before He called Jimmy. Our love and prayers to Tammy and each member of the family.*

Jimmy & Anita



Anita Rumbo-Hays-Flowers - January 03, 2015 at 02:10 PM

KP

“ *Kavin And Connie Powers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Kavin and Connie Powers - January 03, 2015 at 02:08 PM



“ *Cindy Dorroh-Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Cindy Dorroh-Watson - January 03, 2015 at 01:09 PM

JF

“ *Johnny & Patsy Fyffe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Johnny & Patsy Fyffe - January 03, 2015 at 12:54 PM

JM

“ *Jack And Carolyn McIlhenny lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper*



Jack and Carolyn McIlhenny - January 03, 2015 at 12:27 PM

CB

“ Thank you Mr. Pepper for being a good friend and mentor. Thank you for your dedication and hard work for Rusk County. You will be missed as a leader and friend. Rest In Peace Mike. Enjoy Heaven !!!



Chad Boatwright - January 03, 2015 at 12:11 PM

MB

“ Mr & Mrs Darrel Bray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Mr & Mrs Darrel Bray - January 03, 2015 at 11:21 AM

RS

“ Ray And Linda Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Ray and Linda Simmons - January 03, 2015 at 11:12 AM

BH

“ Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Pepper



Bob & Sue Henderson - January 03, 2015 at 10:40 AM