



## Mr. Mike Willeford

October 19, 1948 - May 5, 2018

Dennis Michael "Mike" Willeford, 69 of Henderson, passed away May 5, 2018, in Longview, TX. Mike was born on October 19, 1948, in Mt. Pleasant, TX to the late D.M. Dizzie Willeford and Vivian Willeford. Mike was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Carolyn Willeford.

Mike is survived by his two daughters, Kelli Ramsey of Farmersville, LA and son-in-law Jason Ramsey and Kristi Baker of Liberty City and son-in-law Lance Baker. He is also survived by four grandchildren Miranda Willeford, Jackson Ramsey, JD Reedy, Hudson Reedy and three bonus grandchildren Christian Baker, Jordan Whisenhunt and Kylie Mackey.

Mike was a beloved husband, dad, pepaw, friend and just a great man. His quick-wit, funny one-liners and crazy sense of humor will be dearly missed. Always in the kitchen cooking, experimenting with recipes or smoking something on the pit is where you could find him most days. His love of cooking is reflected in the many trophies he won in the many BBQ cook offs he so enjoyed.

Kelli and Kristi would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to Willie and Kay Lewis and Brad Hudson for helping take such good care of their dad especially in these last few months. Your friendship and love meant so much to him and us.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Willeford will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Rev. Josh Blizzard officiating. The family will receive friends from 1PM until service time at the funeral home on Wednesday.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall



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



**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - May 08, 2018 at 10:57 AM

GA

*Another hole in our hearts as we say good by to a fun guy and a dear classmate of the class of 67. Mike set the table and fire up the grill for the big reunion we will all be in attendance up there. Tell all those who are there now , we are on our way. Our prayers are with Mikes family.  
Gary Paul Adams*

**Gary Paul Adams** - May 09, 2018 at 08:34 AM

BH

“ *Barry Hampton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



**Barry Hampton** - May 25, 2018 at 12:38 PM

KB

“ *Kent & Kim Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



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**Kent & Kim Buckner** - May 15, 2018 at 04:45 PM

RT

“ *Ricky&Liz Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



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**Ricky&Liz Thrasher** - May 12, 2018 at 08:24 PM

DC

“ *David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



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**David and Jan crow** - May 12, 2018 at 02:57 PM

TF

“ *The George Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



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**The George Family** - May 09, 2018 at 03:44 PM

EL

“ *Ella Lays lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



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**ella lays** - May 09, 2018 at 02:19 PM

JC

“ *I have known Mr. Willeford my entire correctional career. He was always someone to have an inspirational story to tell or something witty to say to brighten your day. His culinary skills was outstanding. He was a great and brilliant man and will be truly missed.*



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**John M. Caldwell** - May 09, 2018 at 11:56 AM

CM

“ *Chance & Laurey Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



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**Chance & Laurey Martin** - May 09, 2018 at 09:51 AM

TB

“ *Teresa Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



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**Teresa Bell** - May 08, 2018 at 08:40 PM

AS

“ Great man and always a joy to chat with. He called me “Winston” most of the time, which is the name of my donkey. He usually got me at least once a day! Always willing to share BBQ tips and wisdom from life. I will miss him.

Angela Shepherd - May 08, 2018 at 07:45 PM

DB

“ Dee Dee Green, Keith & Brenda Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



Dee Dee Green, Keith & Brenda Barton - May 08, 2018 at 07:14 PM

JS

“ Jesse And Genna Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



Jesse and Genna Stewart - May 08, 2018 at 06:44 PM

LR

“ I worked with Mike Willeford at Bradshaw State Jail....he made many stressful days bearable with his quick wit and sense of humor. He was always the head cook whenever there was a special occasion there.....he was an amazing fish fryer and Bar-B-Quer and had the awards to prove it. His greatest accomplishment was his loving family...Rest In Peace Mike and tell Carolyn Hello for me.

Linda Ramsey - May 08, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ 67 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - May 08, 2018 at 09:53 AM

JD

“ Dear Kelly and Christi, When Dizzie passed away I took off work to spend the day with Mike. They were very close and Mike needed a friend. When my father passed away it was 15 degrees and all the roads were frozen solid. Mike drove all the way from Henderson to my house with y'all in tow, you probably don't remember that because you were so young, just to make sure I was ok. Friends like that are golden. Although we didn't see each other much in the later years he was always on my mind. I was his best man in his and Carolyn's wedding. Before your mother passed away she called me and said, "Joe, please take care of Mike"! They are together in Heaven now, They loved each other so much. Friends like Mike and Carolyn are hard to find. I am so glad I could call them both my friends. Rest in peace "My Good Friend". Joe F. Duran

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**Joe F. Duran** - May 08, 2018 at 09:27 AM

KH

“ *What a great guy Mike was. I know he & Carolyn will be watching down on you girls & family. Lots of good memories with this family. Thinking of all of you in the days ahead.*



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**Kelly Hair** - May 08, 2018 at 09:26 AM

SH

“ *What a great man Mike was. I enjoyed spending time and just talking and I even learned a few things over the years. May God bless your family!! I thinking about you Kelli and Kristi.*

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**Shannon Hutto** - May 08, 2018 at 07:38 AM

MG

“ *Words can't express the lives Willeford touched or how much he will be missed*

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**Michelle Greenalch** - May 08, 2018 at 07:24 AM

MT

“ *Melissa Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



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**Melissa Thomas** - May 08, 2018 at 06:51 AM

LJ

“ Lynn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



Lynn Jackson - May 08, 2018 at 01:22 AM

AL

“ For the Good Times



A.L. Layne - May 07, 2018 at 09:17 PM

JC

“ Judy Cates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



Judy Cates - May 07, 2018 at 06:54 PM

MR

“ Mark Roskos lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



Mark Roskos - May 07, 2018 at 06:38 PM

PL

“ *Pandy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



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**Pandy Lewis** - May 07, 2018 at 04:39 PM

AL

“ *"Wille" will be sorely missed. He always knew the best gossip and what nerve to tap just to set someone off. It was a joy to behold. He was a delight to work with and to chat with. Everyone who knew Wille will be in our prayers as his shoes are going to be difficult to fill.*

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**Amber Lollar** - May 07, 2018 at 04:04 PM

TH

“ *Terrie Harman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



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**Terrie Harman** - May 07, 2018 at 03:59 PM

ME

“ *Never ever a dull moment when Mike was around. He will be missed!!*



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**Melinda** - May 07, 2018 at 01:51 PM

BH

“ Mike was an incredible man. He is missed dearly. Very grateful for the memories made with him. Prayers for his family during this difficult time.



Brittany Hardy - May 07, 2018 at 11:48 AM

MW

“ Mike Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



Mike Walters - May 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

RD

“ Mike was a great guy and made me laugh with his great/unique sense of humor. He will be missed.

Renée Dumas - May 07, 2018 at 10:46 AM

DD

“ Dixie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



Dixie Duncan - May 07, 2018 at 10:16 AM

CN

“ Clay & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



Clay & Frances Newcomb - May 07, 2018 at 09:50 AM

DS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. David has always shared many good memories of he and Mike's friendship.  
David and Debbie Stafford

Debbie Stafford - May 07, 2018 at 09:38 AM

RS

“ I have a lot of fond memories playing softball with Mike and then later working around him at TXU. Mike was one of a kind and always was in a jovial mood and just a good guy to be around.

Robbie Stephens - May 07, 2018 at 09:04 AM

ET

“ Elizabeth "E" Townes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



Elizabeth "E" Townes - May 07, 2018 at 08:39 AM

JH

“ So honored to have worked with you, you will be truly missed. You always made me laugh.  
*Julie Hamiton*



Julie Hamilton - May 07, 2018 at 07:35 AM

Kat  
Giles

“ *Kat Giles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



Kat Giles - May 07, 2018 at 07:17 AM

BF

“ *Bob & Patsy Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



bob & patsy ferguson - May 07, 2018 at 06:55 AM

SM

“ *Steve & Sandy McMurray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



steve & sandy mcmurray - May 07, 2018 at 06:54 AM

BP

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



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**Benny Payne** - May 07, 2018 at 04:57 AM

HB

“ *Holli, Steve, Grey And Mac Briggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



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**Holli, Steve, Grey and Mac Briggs** - May 06, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ *I will dearly miss your humor and wit. Thank you for being a friend and mentor.*



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**Kaitlin Brown** - May 06, 2018 at 09:15 PM

MH

“ *I worked with Mike at ETTF. He always had something funny to say, and he was our head griller for our cookouts. He will be missed.*

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**Mary Holt** - May 06, 2018 at 08:59 PM

WB

“ Wesley&Brandy Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



Wesley&Brandy Bridges - May 06, 2018 at 08:45 PM

WL

“ Willie and I are so honored by the close friendship we had with Mike. He was a great man with a Great personality. Mike had a huge heart and would do anything for those he loved. He and Carolyn raised two awesome daughters who were very good to him and love him very much. Life will never be the same without Mike.



Willie and Kay Lewis - May 06, 2018 at 08:41 PM

BG

“ Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends.  
Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - May 06, 2018 at 07:14 PM

AR

“ Alfred Ritter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



Alfred Ritter - May 06, 2018 at 07:11 PM

BG

“ *Brad And Becky Grammer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



**Brad and Becky Grammer** - May 06, 2018 at 05:12 PM

PK

“ *Peggy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



**Peggy Keeling** - May 06, 2018 at 04:28 PM

CB

“ *Charlie, Holli & Matti Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



**Charlie, Holli & Matti Bridges** - May 06, 2018 at 04:15 PM

KH

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to the Willeford family. May God hold you close and comfort you. Karen and Dicky Harris*



**karen Harris** - May 06, 2018 at 03:27 PM

Jessica TeWell

“ Jessica TeWell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



Jessica TeWell - May 06, 2018 at 02:15 PM

AH

“ Aubrey Hammett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



Aubrey Hammett - May 06, 2018 at 12:53 PM

JJ

“ Jake Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



Jake Jordan - May 06, 2018 at 11:31 AM

JF

“ Jackie And Charlie Floyd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford



jackie and charlie floyd - May 06, 2018 at 11:21 AM

TP

“ *Tom & Linda Pharr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



Tom & Linda Pharr - May 06, 2018 at 11:02 AM

JC

“ *Jan Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



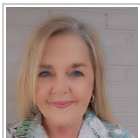
Jan Chapman - May 06, 2018 at 10:03 AM

DG

“ *Darren Grammer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



Darren Grammer - May 06, 2018 at 09:34 AM



“ *PRAYERS FOR ALL. IM SO SORRY! I LOVED PAPA SO MUCH. HE ALWAYS GAVE THE BEST HUGS!*



Barbara Bangert - May 06, 2018 at 09:29 AM

CK

“ *Cathy Green Kovschak lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



Cathy Green Kovschak - May 06, 2018 at 09:27 AM

JH

“ *Jared & Brennon Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike Willeford*



Jared & Brennon Henderson - May 06, 2018 at 09:04 AM

BH

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



Bob & Sue Henderson - May 06, 2018 at 09:04 AM

PP

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



pud patterson - May 06, 2018 at 06:31 AM