



## Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden

February 18, 1926 - October 12, 2017

A celebration of the life of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden, 91, of Henderson, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 14, 2017, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Rev. George Conway and Dr. David Higgs officiating. A committal service will precede the chapel service at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, at Buckner Cemetery with Ty Landrum officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, October 13, at the funeral home.

Mr. Dowden passed from this life on Thursday, October 12, 2017. He was born February 18, 1926, in the Plainview community of Sabine Parish, Louisiana to the late William D. and Elva (Lee) Dowden. Talmadge served his country in the United States Army during World War II and went on to work for Hunt Oil Co. He later went into business for himself, owning and operating DOWCO Petroleum. Mr. Dowden was a member of First Baptist Church of Henderson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother William D. Dowden, and sisters Elva Kathleen Hamilton and Melba Elizabeth Davidson.

Survivors include his wife Jo Anne Dowden of Henderson, brother-in-law Gene Smith of Henderson, nieces and nephews Gena Smith Gardiner, Steve

Smith, Ed Hamilton Jr., Kay Barry, Mark Hamilton, Paula Anderson, Cathy Vanderpool, Middleton Dowden, as well as a host of other family and friends.

Honorary pallbearers are Jimmy Barry, Larry Bowley, Charles Burgess, Jim Cravey, Middleton Lee Dowden, Jim Dudley, Royce Dunlap, Johney Enloe, Bruce Fountain, Edwin Hamilton, Mark Hamilton, Robert Harris, Stacy Hayner, Norris Hudgins, Dalton Jones, Ceaser Lunsford, Johnny Morris, Kenny Morris, Craig Partin, Otis Pirtle, Richard Smith, Stephen Stanfield, Thurman Warren, and Milton Vanderpool.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Gaston Museum at PO Box 301, Joinerville, TX 75658, or the charity of your choice.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Buckner Cemetery

FM 1798 at FM 348  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Committal service

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Buckner Cemetery  
FM 1798 at FM 348  
Henderson, TX 75652



# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - October 13, 2017 at 04:28 PM

JW

*Nice to review.*

**Jerry Winfrey** - October 17, 2017 at 07:09 PM

EN

“ *I knew Talmadge many years. I was his barber and enjoyed his company. He was a good friend.*



**Emily Nieswiadomy** - May 12, 2022 at 01:57 PM

EP

“ *Elouise Pond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



**Elouise Pond** - February 21, 2018 at 01:22 AM

BP

“ So sorry to hear about Talmadge. Prayers for you during this time.  
*Beth Hale Pope*

**Beth Hale Pope** - October 23, 2017 at 02:21 PM

SR

“ I'm so sorry, Jo Ann...my prayers are with you at this time.

**Sharon Reeves** - October 18, 2017 at 11:06 PM

SR

“ Sharon Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
*Talmadge Layton Dowden*



**Sharon Reeves** - October 18, 2017 at 11:04 PM

KS

“ Kelly Stroud lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
*Talmadge Layton Dowden*



**Kelly Stroud** - October 17, 2017 at 11:03 PM

EH

“ Jo Anne,

*I am very sorry for your loss. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.*

*With love,*

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**Erin (Swan) Hulsman** - October 17, 2017 at 03:47 PM

BM

“ *I enjoyed many conversations with Talmage and appreciated his friendship especially in my younger years. He always took the time to listen. My thoughts go with with the family at this sad time.*

*Billy F. Martin*

*Longview, Tex./*

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**Billy Martin** - October 17, 2017 at 01:06 PM

DD

“ *Doris Dorney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



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**Doris Dorney** - October 16, 2017 at 04:17 PM

DD

*He was truly one of a kind with an unforgettable smile. So sorry to hear of his passing. My prayers are with you Jo Ann.*

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**Doris Dorney** - October 16, 2017 at 04:18 PM

BH

“ Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden



Brent Hale - October 16, 2017 at 03:41 PM

TF

“ Tony & Rhonda Roberts & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden



Tony & Rhonda Roberts & family - October 14, 2017 at 01:28 PM

JW

“ Jerry Winfrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden



Jerry Winfrey - October 14, 2017 at 01:11 PM

BT

“ Bruce Tate lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden



Bruce Tate - October 14, 2017 at 01:02 PM

JT

“ *Jean Tate lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



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**Jean Tate** - October 14, 2017 at 01:02 PM

RF

“ *Randy And Tracey Johnson And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



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**Randy and Tracey Johnson and Family** - October 14, 2017 at 01:14 AM

DB

“ *Jo Ann,*

*So sorry to learn of Talmadge's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

*David and Pam Brown*

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**David Brown** - October 13, 2017 at 10:02 PM

AL

“ *Angela Enloe Love lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



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**Angela Enloe Love** - October 13, 2017 at 08:34 PM

DK

“ *Debbie Kline lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



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**Debbie Kline** - October 13, 2017 at 07:56 PM

JP

“ *Jeff & Sherry Price lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



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**Jeff & Sherry Price** - October 13, 2017 at 07:16 PM

DD

“ *DeDe DeArmond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*

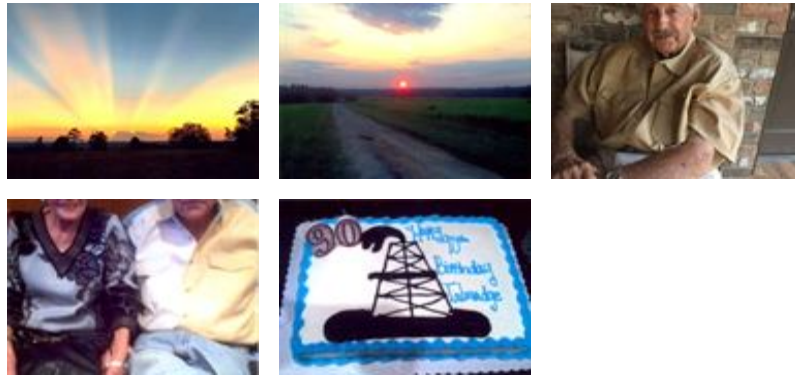


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**DeDe DeArmond** - October 13, 2017 at 05:56 PM



“ 29 files added to the album LifeTributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - October 13, 2017 at 03:25 PM

TW

“ Tracy Welch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden



Tracy Welch - October 13, 2017 at 11:23 AM

LH

“ L. D. And Jenny Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden



L. D. and Jenny Hardy - October 13, 2017 at 10:18 AM

JS

“ *Judy Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



**Judy Stokes** - October 13, 2017 at 09:24 AM

MG

“ *Mark And Nancy Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



**Mark and Nancy Gibson** - October 13, 2017 at 09:07 AM

CN

“ *Clay And Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



**Clay and Frances Newcomb** - October 13, 2017 at 08:21 AM

JM

“ *He was always ready to help someone. John Morris*



**John Morris** - October 13, 2017 at 06:26 AM

KH

“ Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden



Kurt Hunt - October 13, 2017 at 12:25 AM

VH

“ Vicki Lynn Holcomb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden



vicki lynn holcomb - October 12, 2017 at 11:15 PM

Lynda Cole

“ Lynda Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden



Lynda Cole - October 12, 2017 at 11:00 PM

PP

“ Patsy Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden



Patsy Phillips - October 12, 2017 at 10:39 PM

MJ

“ *Marilyn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



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**Marilyn Johnson** - October 12, 2017 at 10:18 PM

PT

“ *Patsy Teakell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



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**Patsy Teakell** - October 12, 2017 at 08:28 PM

AM

“ *Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



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**Amy Miley-Payne** - October 12, 2017 at 08:22 PM

JD

“ *Jim And Mary Dudley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



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**Jim and Mary Dudley** - October 12, 2017 at 05:19 PM

CW

“ *I worked in the hayfields back in the 70's. Talmadge and T Bone would come and check on us. He lived his life to the fullest.*

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**Carla N West** - October 12, 2017 at 04:43 PM

BJ

“ *Betty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



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**Betty Johnson** - October 12, 2017 at 04:25 PM

JE

“ *JANA ENLOE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge Layton Dowden*



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**JANA ENLOE** - October 12, 2017 at 12:21 PM

JE

*I can't begin to explain how Talmadge impacted our family's life. Joann, we love you and T so much. Our love and prayer are with you all. Love, Johney, Jana, Ty, Savanna, Malea, Bailey, Bristyn and Kiersty.*

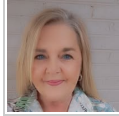
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**Jana Enloe** - October 12, 2017 at 12:25 PM

NL

*Talmage was a one of a kind. Over the years he imparted so many stories that always brought a smile to everyone listening.*

*Norris Langford  
Mt. Enterprise*

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**Norris Langford** - October 12, 2017 at 06:55 PM



*Talmage will always be remembered as someone that was always willing to lend a helping hand. Enjoyed our hayfield times with him! Praying for you Ms. Jo Ann.*

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**Barbara Bangert** - October 13, 2017 at 04:16 PM