



## Mr. Thomas Wayne Alexander

December 21, 1946 - December 24, 2023

A celebration of the life of Mr. Thomas Wayne Alexander, 77, of Henderson, will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, December 29, 2023, at First Baptist Church with Dr. David Higgs and Rev. Don Edmiston officiating, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the service in the Family Life Center at the church.

Tommy passed away peacefully on December 24, 2023. He was born to the late Howard and Helen Alexander on December 21, 1946, in Kilgore, Texas. Tommy is survived by his wife Kathy Alexander of 51 years; daughter Kristy Everitt and husband Terry of Henderson; son Todd Alexander and wife Holly Jo of Beckville; grandchildren Collin and Abbey Everitt of Henderson and Madalynn and Hannah Alexander of Beckville. Tommy is also survived by his brothers Dennis Alexander and wife Missy of Kilgore, Steve Alexander and wife Dena of Kilgore; sisters-in-law Wendy Alexander of Rowlett, June Johnston of Emory, Glenna Yates and husband Rick of Allen; brothers-in-law Joe Orren and wife Rhonda of Sulphur Springs, Milton Orren and wife Jennifer of Tyler; and a host of nieces, nephews, and family. He was preceded in death by his parents Howard and Helen Alexander and his brother Mike Alexander.

Tommy graduated from Kilgore High School in 1965, where he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. He continued his education and deepened his love of basketball as a member of the basketball teams first at Kilgore

College and then at East Texas State University in Commerce. Tommy, affectionately known as "Coach A," served as an educator for 44 years, impacting the lives of many. He began his career as a teacher/coach at Sulphur Springs ISD in August of 1970, it was there where he met his wife, Kathy. They moved to Henderson in 1973 and he worked for Henderson ISD for 26 years. He coached football and basketball from 1973 to 1982 and served the district as maintenance director from 1982 to 1987. In 1987, he was promoted to Assistant Superintendent and continued in that role until 1998. He then accepted the job of Superintendent with Sabine ISD in 1998, serving in that capacity for 6 years. Tommy returned to Henderson ISD in 2004 as Superintendent and held the position through 2007, when he retired to enjoy time with his family. In October 2009, Tommy was asked to serve as the interim Superintendent of West Rusk CCISD. This led him to come out of retirement to fill the role full-time for 7 years, until he retired permanently in 2016.

Tommy was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Henderson. He displayed his faith in God through his desire to serve others. The impact and influence that he had on others was the ultimate example of servant leadership. His selflessness, devotion, and passion are evidence of his character and just a few of his most respected qualities. Tommy kept his family and close friends at the forefront of his life. He will be remembered for the big smile he had and all the lives that he touched. Tommy will be missed and loved dearly by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to donate to the Children's Building Fund of First Baptist Church or the FBC Mission Projects Scholarships at 207 W. Main St., Henderson, TX 75652.

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



# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memorial Park

Hwy 64 and 323  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Deidra Sutton lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander* ”



Deidra Sutton - January 12, 2024 at 03:33 PM

DA

“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander* ”



Donna J Aaron - January 03, 2024 at 12:59 AM

JW

“ *Joey Watts lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander* ”



Joey Watts - January 01, 2024 at 04:32 PM

DC

“ *David Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander* ”



David and Jan Crow - December 31, 2023 at 02:46 PM

CD

“ Charlotte Dunaway lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander



Charlotte (Barnhart) Dunaway - December 31, 2023 at 11:20 AM

TC

“ Tommy had the sweetest soul and loved his family very much. He was a wonderful coach and superintendent. I am proud to say he was my cousin! Terry Walker Carr

Terry Walker Carr - December 30, 2023 at 09:28 PM

RP

“ Tommy was our dear friend and he will truly be missed. Our prayers are with your family. We love you. Randy and Susie Peterson



Randall Wayne Peterson - December 30, 2023 at 04:50 PM

SH

“ Sue HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander



Sue HENDERSON - December 29, 2023 at 05:15 PM

KS

“ Kenneth Edwina Starling lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander



Kenneth & Edwina Starling - December 29, 2023 at 06:50 AM

TB

“ Coach A was a Special Man always had a smile enjoy the time we all had together very kind Man prayers for family and friends and a Special pray for Ms Kathy



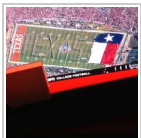
Teresa Bell - December 29, 2023 at 05:37 AM

JB

“ Joe & Margaret G Brown lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander



Joe Dan & Margaret G Brown - December 28, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ Ron Audas lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander



Ron Audas - December 28, 2023 at 07:58 PM

CA

“ *I'm so sorry for your great loss. Tommy was great to work for and a pleasure to know!! You're In My thoughts and prayers!!*  
*Carol Sledge*



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**Carol** - December 28, 2023 at 04:18 PM

SD

“ *Sheritina DeVille lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Sheritina DeVille** - December 28, 2023 at 03:19 PM

TS

“ *Coach A to know you was really a Blessing. Very Tall and Strong Man to deal with I was Blessed enough to be able to care for him in his last days. Lalas forever Coach.*

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**Talailelagi Sivao-Epps** - December 28, 2023 at 02:19 PM

DJ

“ *Tommy was a fine example of putting students first. I was privileged to know and work with him. He made it such an enjoyable event. He was definitely one of a kind. I am grateful to have known him. Prayers for his family*

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**donna Johnson** - December 28, 2023 at 01:31 PM

CM

“ *Carlette Mills lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Carlette Mills** - December 28, 2023 at 11:36 AM

SB

“ *Coach A was a true educator. Not just in the classroom but in life. He made many great impressions and memories for me. I'll never forget being his third period assistant both semesters of my senior year. He had coached me in football 8th grade through my senior year. Many years later when my family was evacuated during hurricane Rita we came to Henderson. My wife is a teacher and we enrolled our children in school, due to not knowing when we could return to Jasper. I called Coach A and asked him if they needed an ESL teacher to help out. He said send her by and visit with him. When she got there he had a place for her and hired her. We were so appreciative for the opportunity during a challenging time. I will always remember that and know that Coach A was such a remarkable person and friend. I can hear him now calling me Scott-a-roosky. Lol Rest in peace Coach.*

*Scott Burton*

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**Scott Burton** - December 28, 2023 at 11:21 AM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends. Thank you Tommy for your leadership to HISD, and your legacy.*  
*Bonnie Geddie*



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**Bonnie Geddie** - December 28, 2023 at 08:20 AM

PH

“ I met Tommy in 1987, when I went to work at HISD, as Jerry Christians secretary. I liked him immediately. He was Assistant Superintendent for Business, and you always knew when Tommy was in the building because he greeted everyone with that strong, pleasant voice!!!

*It was my privilege to get to work as Tommy’s secretary when he came back to Henderson as Superintendent. Those 3 years were the absolute best years of my entire career. He loved Henderson ISD to the core, and everything he did, was something he thought would be good for the district. As someone before me said, he would help anyone in any way he could. He took care of all employees, because they were all important to him.*

*I could write a book about the good he did, but I will just say, he will be sorely missed by everyone he knew, but especially his family and good friends.*

*Rest In Peace, my friend.*

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**Peggy Hunt** - December 27, 2023 at 10:19 PM

JW

“ Jerry Debbie Watkins lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander



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**Jerry & Debbie Watkins** - December 27, 2023 at 08:17 PM

JJ

“ Jon Sandy Johnston lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander



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**Jon & Sandy Johnston** - December 27, 2023 at 07:26 PM

NK

“ *Nancy K lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



Nancy K - December 27, 2023 at 05:20 PM

HM

“ *Hal Rosa Martin lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



Hal and Rosa Martin - December 27, 2023 at 04:49 PM

LA

“ *LORIE ARNOLD lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



LORIE ARNOLD - December 27, 2023 at 12:53 PM

WD

*Rest In Peace My Dear friend, I Will cherish Our Friendship Always, You Will Be Truly Missed, Rlp Until We Meet Again, Praying For The Alexander Family, I love This family, ❤️🙏!!! Willie Mae Davis,*

Willie Mae Davis - December 27, 2023 at 09:41 PM

MT

“ *Mike Taliaferro lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Mike Taliaferro** - December 27, 2023 at 12:38 PM

JC

“ *Tommy was the greatest guy. I am deeply saddened by his passing. My deepest sympathy to all his family.*

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**Jimmy Culp** - December 27, 2023 at 12:32 PM

ML

“ *Micki Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Micki Chapman Lindsey** - December 27, 2023 at 10:57 AM

KC

“ *Kristy Campbell lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Kristy Campbell** - December 27, 2023 at 10:54 AM

MW

“ I did not have the opportunity to know Tommy but have had the blessing of working with and calling his daughter, Kristy, a friend. Reading Tommy's obituary and seeing the facebook posts of his grandkids - it is obvious he was an amazing father and grandfather and offered a positive influence on the lives of his family and others. My thoughts and prayers are with Tommy's family. Melissa Williamson

Melissa Williamson - December 27, 2023 at 10:15 AM

SP

“ Sue Plummer lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander



Sue Plummer - December 27, 2023 at 09:59 AM

DB

“ David Dina Burks lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander



David and Dina Burks - December 27, 2023 at 09:39 AM

JJ

“ Jason&Susan Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander



Jason&Susan Jarrell - December 27, 2023 at 09:30 AM

PF

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to all the family.

Pat Fette

Class of '65 classmate

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Pat Fette - December 26, 2023 at 11:52 PM

DC

“ Tommy was a wonderful man in a position to help so many kids and others to. He served in every capacity of HISD and I have known known of Tommy since 1977 when I started working in the HHS CAFT. under Mamie Malone. The first

teacher I was introduced to was Tommy Alexander, Coach A Basketball. He knew my Uncle A.W. Wylie. And from then on I had a lifelong friend. Kathy was just as sweet and funny and they made a very good Christian couple and had Kristie and Todd. Even after I was diagnosed with Cancer did he call me and ran into me at the Tyler Cancer Center did I know about Kathy having the same diagnosis and they were there to set up her surgery. He wanted to know how I was doing and how was I still working and having treatments and what HISD. Was doing to help me. He was the one of just a few that cared enough to ask. He was a friend a very good friend and would help you all he could, if he could. Kathy, you will be ok. You have a lot of friends and you have your kids and those precious grandchildren. It won't be the same with Tommy not there, but you will enjoy life again, just because Tommy loved you so much. And you know where he will be. Waiting for you to stroll over Heaven with.

Our Deepest Sympathy,  
David and Kathy Chapman

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David Kathy Chapman - December 26, 2023 at 11:44 PM



BM

“ *Coach A was a legend and will always be remembered. Prayers for Kathy and the family.*  
*Becky Jolley Massengale*



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**Becky Massengale** - December 26, 2023 at 11:40 PM

TC

“ *Tony Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Tony and Anita Cavaliere** - December 26, 2023 at 08:56 PM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Gary Wilkerson** - December 26, 2023 at 07:35 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Hlavaty sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Kathy Hlavaty** - December 26, 2023 at 06:19 PM

CF

*Tommy was a good friend. He was a competitor and a good basketball coach. He later was a successful school administrator. He kept his same demeanor and was liked by many people. He is loved by many and will be missed but I know his new home is in heaven. God bless him and his family. Charlie Franklin*

Charlie Franklin - December 27, 2023 at 12:46 PM

FM

*“ May his dedication to young people and their education be a long living education. Thank you for the long lasting impression you left at West Rusk.*

Felicia McCasland - December 26, 2023 at 06:01 PM

BW

*“ Belinda Walker lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



Belinda Walker - December 26, 2023 at 05:52 PM

LD

*“ Leann Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



Leann Dorsey - December 26, 2023 at 05:47 PM

NR

“ *Nelwyn Richardson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Nelwyn Richardson** - December 26, 2023 at 05:44 PM

AM

“ *Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Amy Miley-Payne** - December 26, 2023 at 05:42 PM

TA

“ *Tracy Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Tracy Ainsworth** - December 26, 2023 at 05:15 PM

CW

“ *Tommy was the kindest of men and a friend to all who knew him. He did such a great job as Superintendent for HISD and made a difference in many young lives. Well done good and faithful servant! You will truly be missed.*

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**Cyndi Walker** - December 26, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Vernon Arthus lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Vernon Arthus** - December 26, 2023 at 04:24 PM

ML

“ *Mary Lowe lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Mary Lowe** - December 26, 2023 at 03:31 PM

LR

“ *Linda Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Wayne Alexander*



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**Linda Rogers** - December 26, 2023 at 03:06 PM

JC

“ *Jo and Mike Cooper lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Jo Ann and Mike Cooper** - December 26, 2023 at 12:55 PM

CS

“ Tommy was a great person, superintendent, and friend to our family. Kathy, Kristy, Todd and families, you have our deepest sympathy. Tommy spent Christmas with his Heavenly Father this year. We love you all. ❤️



**craig Paula Sweeney** - December 26, 2023 at 12:21 PM

SC

“ Suzanne Cross lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander



**Suzanne Cross** - December 26, 2023 at 11:52 AM

S)

“ Sherry (Jordan lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander



**Sherry Johnson (Jordan )** - December 26, 2023 at 11:44 AM

PP

“ Paul Lisa Powell sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Alexander



**Paul and Lisa Powell** - December 26, 2023 at 11:30 AM

BJ

“ Ever the best of friends and one of the kindest men I have ever met. A sweet spirit and a good example in my life and so many others. May the Good Lord give his family peace and comfort in their heartache. Tommy will be remembered by many who loved and respected him.

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**Bobby Joe** - December 26, 2023 at 11:01 AM

GA

“ I worked at HHS with Tommy in the '80s, and as he moved on to admin positions, I continued to address him as Coach A. His usual response was "shades of the old days." Many years of those as well as Coach A fans. Good guy to many in all positions.

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**Gay Allen** - December 26, 2023 at 10:39 AM

CN

“ Clay & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander



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**Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb** - December 26, 2023 at 10:12 AM

CR

“ Claude Pam Robinson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander



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**Claude and Pam Robinson** - December 26, 2023 at 09:56 AM

TE

“ *Tamara Elliott lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Tamara Elliott** - December 26, 2023 at 09:53 AM

NR

“ *Nelwyn Richardson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Nelwyn Richardson** - December 26, 2023 at 09:23 AM

ED

“ *Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Elaine Davis** - December 26, 2023 at 09:20 AM

SL

“ *So sorry for your loss. Sending prayer and condolences.*



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**Susan Lingle** - December 25, 2023 at 07:57 PM

BS

“ *Brad Lou Ann Standard lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Brad & Lou Ann Standard** - December 25, 2023 at 03:29 PM

JJ

“ *Jon Sandy Johnston lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Jon & Sandy Johnston** - December 25, 2023 at 07:25 AM

FS

“ *Fred Leslie Spell lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Fred & Leslie Spell** - December 24, 2023 at 11:23 PM

VS

“ *Viana Scoggins lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Viana Scoggins** - December 24, 2023 at 11:19 PM



“ *Barbara J Jolley lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Barbara J Jolley** - December 24, 2023 at 05:21 PM



“ *Cliff Krista Furtick lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Cliff and Krista Furtick** - December 24, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ *Coach A will be thought of and remembered by many in the years to come. He touched a lot of lives in a positive way and leaves behind a legacy among the young men who knew him as Coach A.*

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**Judy** - December 24, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ *Chuck Lisa Towe lit a candle in memory of Thomas Alexander*



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**Chuck & Lisa Towe** - December 24, 2023 at 11:04 AM

CJ

*RIP coach A ,now you can coach God's heavenly team, you will be missed. Carlyet (CJ) Johnson*

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**Carlyet Johnson** - December 27, 2023 at 04:23 PM

RP

*I met Tommy when we were interviewing for the superintendent position at Sabine ISD. What a wonderful person. He greatly improved our school district and taught all of us how to be a school board. We became a team of eight and he was our coach. He was a wonderful example of what a school administrator was supposed to be. He truly cared about our school and everyone in it. Thank you for sharing him with us and letting him teach us how schools should educate students. My thoughts and prayers go out to Kathy and his family.*

*Ray Player*

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**Ray Player** - January 03, 2024 at 10:00 PM