



Mr. W.E. Hawthorne

March 12, 1944 - July 14, 2019

Funeral services for Mr. W.E. Hawthorne, 75, of Tatum, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18, 2019 at Tatum United Methodist Church with Rev. Dwain Smith and Galin Haygood officiating. Interment will follow at Waldrop Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at Tatum United Methodist Church.

Mr. Hawthorne passed from this life on July 14, 2019, at Christus Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview.

Willie Elmer "W.E." Hawthorne, Jr. was born March 12, 1944 in Franklin, La. to Willie Elmer and Mildred Hawthorne. He grew up in Homer, La. and graduated from Homer High School. He participated in numerous extracurricular activities lettering in choir, band, football, basketball, and track. After high school, he attended Southern Arkansas University on a football scholarship where he started 4 years on both offense and defense only coming off the field for a few special teams plays a game. He started his football coaching career in Van Buren, Ark. where he coached football, basketball, and track. He became the head coach and athletic director at Tatum High School in 1972 where he coached for the next 10 years. During his time at Tatum, he led the Eagles to numerous district championships and playoff appearances. After

leaving the coaching profession, W.E. worked in numerous positions in the oilfield until his retirement in 2016.

W.E. had a unique ability to remember facts, dates, and statistics about people, places, and events. He never met a stranger and always had plenty of stories to tell that were never short on details. He possessed a strong work ethic and expected the same from his children, athletes, and coworkers but always was out front leading by example. W.E. or “WE” as his grandchildren called him loved his children and grandchildren. Nothing gave him greater enjoyment than watching them participate in their numerous athletic events and all the while providing coaching advice whenever needed. He was truly their biggest fan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandsons Lucas John Hawthorne and Zackary Scott Hawthorne. He is survived by his loving wife Marianne of Tatum; sister Milly Sale and husband Richard of Shreveport; children Scott Hawthorne of Hallsville, Cassie White of White Oak, Jason Wheeler and wife Shelley of Tatum, and Brad Hawthorne and wife Jennifer of White Oak; grandchildren, Brittany Grimm and husband Merritt, Garrett White, Kade Wheeler, Emma Hawthorne, Dallas Reeves, Farrah Reeves, Makenzie Hawthorne, Sam Hawthorne, and Josh Hawthorne; great grandchildren, Paisley White and Ella Rose Grimm; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to Dr. Rick Earnest and Dr. Larry Frase and the many healthcare professionals that cared for W.E. for the past several months.

Pallbearers will be Pat Browning, Ron Reed, Dean Beall, Johnny Toon, Gary Ebberhart, Gene Centers, Horace James, and Willie Davis. Honorary pallbearers will be Allen Koch, Coach Joe Evans, Dee Hart, Dean Centers, Bob Barrett, Mike Nelson, Mark Nelson, Andy Evans and J. W. Parsons.

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

Cemetery Details

Waldrop

1024 FM 1251
Beckville, TX 75631

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tatum United Methodist Church
150 Jackson
Tatum, TX 75691

Service

JUL 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. W.E. Hawthorne



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - July 17, 2019 at 10:59 AM

CA

I remember w.e. when he was in school at arcadia, he was a tall blonde kid. Always nice e to everyone

Carolynseseth - July 18, 2019 at 02:08 PM

TL

“ Mr. Hawthorne was a wonderful, nice, & knowledgeable. He had a beautiful kind wife Mrs. Marriane. I remember taking him home from Treviso this year after rehab, they welcomed us into there home for a nice lunch & I met there huge beautiful dog “Tutti Fruity” I believe he called her. He will greatly be missed & I will continue to pray for his wife & family. Be blessed, Tomica Lister

Tomica Lister - December 07, 2019 at 02:51 PM

AE

“ My Buddy,

Andy Evans

andy evans - November 03, 2019 at 08:27 PM

LG

“ *Marianne, at this sorrowful occasion please accept my heartfelt condolences. I pray our Lord & Savior will wrap you & your family in his loving arms & keep you safe TILL THE STORM PASSES BY.*
La Verne

La Verne Grant - July 18, 2019 at 09:57 PM

CD

“ *Carolyn Dykes lit a candle in memory of Mr. W.E. Hawthorne*



Carolyn Dykes - July 18, 2019 at 11:55 AM

JM

“ *So sorry to hear of W. E.'s passing, I will be praying for the family during this time.*

Jane Hawthorne McBride - July 18, 2019 at 09:05 AM

BG

“ *Brenda Loe Gowan lit a candle in memory of Mr. W.E. Hawthorne*



Brenda Loe Gowan - July 17, 2019 at 08:19 PM



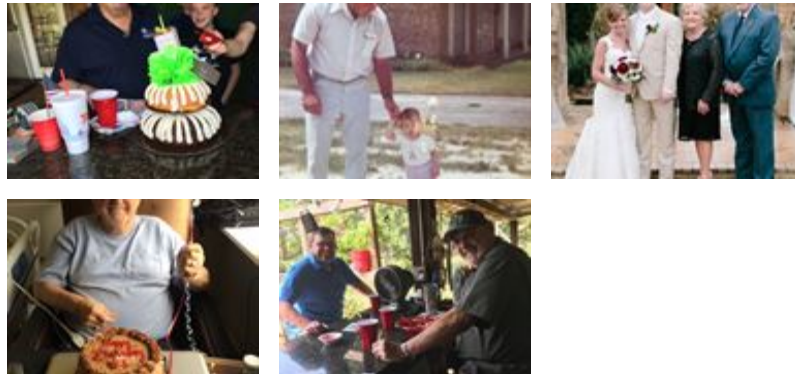
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Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - July 17, 2019 at 12:43 PM



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Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - July 17, 2019 at 09:57 AM

SA

“ *Very Sorry to hear this news of the passing of our neighbor and Friend. Our best to Marianne and all of the Hawthorne Family and Prayers during this Sad Time of Loss.*

*Sam & Sonja Adams
Tatum, Texas*



Sam Adams - July 16, 2019 at 10:48 AM



Coach Hawthorne was one of a kind. He will truly be missed. Will be in prayer for his family during this difficult time.
Cindy (Williams) Powdrill

Cindy Powdrill - July 16, 2019 at 07:07 PM

AE

Today we lay to rest a truly great friend. Thanks W.E. for taking care of the Evans family for the past 15 years.

Andy

andy evans - July 18, 2019 at 11:32 AM