



## Mr. Welton Madden

July 20, 1928 - April 19, 2017

Funeral services for Mr. Welton Madden, 88, of Tatum, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at Trinity Baptist Church in Lakeport with Dr. Gary May and Rev. Don Cook officiating. Interment will follow at Tatum Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, April 21, at the funeral home.

Mr. Madden went home to be with his Lord and Savior on April 19, 2017, in Longview. He was born July 20, 1928, in Marydell, Mississippi to the late Charlie and Connie (Paramour) Madden and has lived in Tatum for the last 13 years. Mr. Madden served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and later earned a Bachelors of Business Administration from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. His degree carried him through a long career as business manager with several companies including executive positions with Western National and American Fidelity Life Insurance. His passion, however, was singing for the Lord. Welton served as a bi-vocational Music Minister for 38 years and even used his vacation time to supply music for revivals. He was currently a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Lakeport.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Christene Madden; a sister, Dorothy Hardy; and brother, Frankie Lee Madden.

Survivors include: son, Michael Albers of Tucson, AZ; daughters, Aletha Madden and husband Paul Spoutz of Denver, CO, Kaye Albers of Tucson, AZ, Lexie Madden of Longview, Lynette Madden Unger and husband Steve of Springdale, AR, Rebecca Madden Gillis and husband Cody of Tatum, and Sandy Kemp Smith of New Braunfels; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers will be Steve Unger, Cody Gillis, Phill Vogelsang, Stephen Luttenberg, Alton Forbes, and Bobby Madden. Honorary pallbearers will be Austin Madden and Mike Nutt.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Tatum Cemetery

Tatum, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

APR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church  
5041 Estes Parkway  
Longview, TX 75607

# Tribute Wall

TC

“ So sorry for your loss from the Skilled Nursing Unit staff of Longview Regional Medical Center. Prayers for the family.



Tessie Coleman - April 27, 2017 at 05:21 AM

RP

“ I always enjoyed spending time with Uncle Welton & Aunt Chris. Many sweet memories of summers with all the families gathered at Grandmother & Granddaddy's house. Memories to be treasured! Praying for God's sweet peace to surround each of you in the days ahead. Love to all!

Jeanie



Regina Parks - April 20, 2017 at 11:12 PM

JG

“ Totally blessed by welton... he had such a warm smile and was always ready to give a hug just when you needed it. Praise sweet Jesus for having know Welton and Chris. There is an empty spot now where they sat at church...they're missed.

Judy Gillis - April 20, 2017 at 06:37 PM

JR

“ *Welton and Christine were two of the finest people I have every met. I know he is happy to be with his beloved again. My prayers are with the family.*

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**Janie Roberts** - April 20, 2017 at 04:39 PM

DJ

“ *Mr. Madden was a very nice man. I cleaned his house and we had some good conversations about anything and everything.*  
*Diana Jenkins*

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**Diana Jenkins** - April 20, 2017 at 03:27 PM