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"Moses" Mathis **James** Benton was born December 15, 1955 in the Germany Community near Crockett, Texas to the parentage of the late Mack and Gladys Benton. He attended church and school in Kennard, Texas.

On July 13, 1979 he was united in Marriage to the former Viola Skinner. He served in the United States Army and

the National Guard.

He passed away on June 8, 2006 in a Lufkin Hospital.

He leaves to mourn his death: his devoted wife; Viola Benton, three children; La-Tonya Benton (Christopher Tonya Benton (Christophy), Davis), Jessica Reece (Larry), Italian (Larricia) James M. Benton, Jr. (Latricia Gilder), five grandchildren; Kenyatta N. Harrell, Rodney D. Davis, Keriaun K. Davis, Traliyah J. Benton, Jamyrien J. Benton, nine sisters; Charlene Hutchison, Christene Gants, Gloria D. Lazards (Emile), Debbie Benton, Bonnie Miller (Alfred), Terry Rodgers (Glenn), Bertha Thompkins (Warley), Marylyn Jones (Raymond), Teresa Baskins, six brothers; Roger B. Benton; Willie D. Benton, Archie L. Benton, Ronnie Benton, Jerry Benton, Mack Arthur Moore (Linda), three brothers preceded him in death Otha, Bennie, and Paul, twelve brothersin-law; eight sisters-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, two special friends, Mary Rhodes and Augusta McKnight.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, June 10, 2006, 1 p.m., New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Hwy. 7, Kennard, Texas, Rev. William Purvis, pastor and Rev. Isaac

Wiley, officiated. He was laid to rest in New Hope Cemetery, Kennard.

Casketbearers were: Leon Davis, Mike Harrell, Glen Clair Home