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Augusta

Mathis Rites Held Sunday

Funeral services for Mr. Ernest Lee Mathis, age 68, of Elkhart, were held Sunday, January 3, in the New Hope Baptist Church, Grapeland, with the Rev. Duane Mills officiating. Burial followed in Augusta Cemetery under the direction of Bailey & Foster - Grapeland.

Pallbearers were Ron Wallis, Gerald Corson, James Cuba, James Sherman, Donald Weisinger, and Hewitt Bruce. Kem McReynolds was designated as honorary pallbearer.

Mr. Mathis was born July 30, 1930 in Fredonia, Kansas, to the late Charles Mathis and Nellie Rothgeb Mathis. He died Thursday evening, December 31, 1998, at Memorial Mother Frances Hospital in Palestine. He was a Loss Prevention Supervisor for the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Palestine. Mr. Mathis served in the U.S. Air Force and was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Winnie Penick Mathis of Grapeland; two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Ken Derbonne of Brazoria, and Debra and Johnny Phelps of Angleton; three step-daughters, Debra McDonald, Carol Telles, and Peggy Wright, all of Deer Park, and one step-son, Billy Penick of Deer Park; one sister, Velma Hobbs of Eureka, Kansas; and three grandchildren, Kimbrie and James Cuba, and Kellie Jeffers, all of Brazoria.