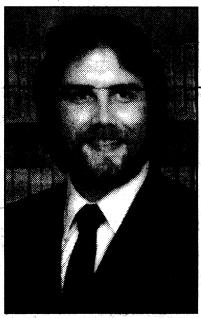
OBITUARIES

9/6/2001

Services Held For "Bill" Matthews

Funeral services for W. R. "Bill" Matthews, age 44, of Grapeland were held Saturday morning, September 1, at the First Baptist Church, Grapeland, with Rev. Todd Chapman officiating. Burial followed in Davis Cemetery, east of Grapeland, under the direction of Bailey & Foster, Grapeland.

His fellow members of the



"W. R. Bill" Matthews

Grapeland Sandies 1974 State Championship Football Team were pallbearers. Team members attending included Coach Jim Payne, Scott Yates, Doug Murray, Wayne Duhon, Jamie Jordan, Ronnie Murphy, Stanley Pennington, Howard and Ralph Brown, Terry Charles Herod, and Jeff Brown, and they were given opportunity to share some special memory of "Bill". Honorary pallbearers were his coworkers at Bell Helicopter, General Dynamics and Jim Hughes.

Mr. Matthews died Wednesday, August 29, 2001, at his home in Fort Worth. He was born March 10, 1957, in Houston County to C. W. and Doris Shaver Matthews. Mr. Matthews was an aeronautical designer and was employed with Total Technical Services. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Grapeland.

His parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include three sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Lynn Bitner of Venus, Paulette and Tommy Chapman of Grapeland, Patsy and Ralph Walton of Granbury.

