



## Kris Matthews

February 7, 1976 - October 11, 2022

Kristopher Shea Matthews, 46 of Dawson, Texas went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. He was born on February 7, 1976, to Lynda Byrne Matthews and Henry Newton Matthews. He was the youngest of 2 children.

He was a devoted husband who loved his family. On May 10, 2003, he married his wife, Kami Leiane Ward and they had over 19 amazing years together. During those years they had 3 children, Stormi, Jace, and Jaxon whom he loved more than anything.

He was a graduate of Dawson ISD in 1995 where he was an All-State football player, he played basketball, track, and baseball. During and after high school, he was a volunteer fire fighter through the Dawson Volunteer Fire Department. After he graduated high school, he worked as a detention officer at the Ellis County Sheriff's Department for 2 years and then a detention officer at the Navarro County Sheriff's Department before graduating from the Navarro College Police Academy in 1999. He obtained his Texas Peace Officer license and worked for the Navarro County Sheriff's department for a total of over 23 years. In January 2017, he was promoted to Sergeant. During his years at the Sheriff's Department, he also served on the SWAT team for many years, was actively a member of the Crisis Negotiating Team, and received numerous accolades before retiring and going to work for Navarro College in January of 2022. He also advanced his licensing over the years, obtaining his master

jailer license and master peace officer license.

Kris served his community in many other ways. He was an active member on the Dawson ISD school board in which he served on for over 12 years. He was a Master Mason at the Dawson Lodge, No. 155. He was a member of the Hubbard Cowboy Church. And with his brother-in-law, he started and coached a travel softball team out of Corsicana for almost 10 years. Kris loved serving his community and the people of not only Dawson, but of all of Navarro County however he could.

Kris had many hobbies including coaching and watching his kids play sports over the years, working on his ranch, craftsmanship, classic cars, and “fixin’ stuff.” He loved being a father and teaching his kids new things. He was also so proud to be a “Grumps” (his grandfather name) and loved his grand baby so much.

Kris is preceded in death by his mother and father. Kris is survived by his wife Kami Leiane Ward-Matthews, daughter Stormi Taylor Matthews and husband Kolton of Hutto, son Jace Kristopher Matthews of Dawson, and son Jaxon Lee Matthews of Dawson, granddaughter Kynsley Diane Matthews of Hutto, sister Tana Wade of Dawson, nephew Tyler Green and wife Zoey of Burleson, nephew Rylan Wade of Grand Prairie, as well as many other family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Dawson Volunteer Fire Department in Kris Matthews’ name.

From the family: Thank you to the Dawson Volunteer Fire Department, the Navarro County Sheriff’s Department, the Navarro College Police Department, and others who came out to help that night.

Visitation will be held Sunday evening from 4-6pm at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home. A service to celebrate the life of Kris will be 11:00am Monday, October 17, 2022, at the Cowboy Church of Corsicana 5864 W HWY 31. Interment will follow at Spring Hill Cemetery, Dawson, Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## Spring Hill Cemetery

1200 NWCR 3150  
Dawson, TX 76639

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
info@griffin-roughton.com

## Celebration of Life

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cowboy Church of Corsicana  
5864 West Highway 31  
Corsicana, TX 75110

*Pastor Butch Boatright officiating.*

# Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Kris Matthews



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - October 15, 2022 at 05:37 PM



“ Kris Matthews

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ DiAnna Robinson lit a candle in memory of Kris Matthews



DiAnna Bratcher Robinson - November 17, 2022 at 11:38 PM



“ Kris was a wonderful man. Gonna be missed by so many. Sending Prayers & love to all.



Rhauchelle Ferlet Dougherty - October 17, 2022 at 12:15 PM

SO

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you and the kids. Sending our love. Shannon Odom, Connor & Chase Hutchins, Ronnie and Marsha Odom

Shannon Odom - October 16, 2022 at 04:06 PM

GM

“ Love ya my friend. You are already greatly missed.

Greg Martin - October 15, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ 102 files added to the album LifeTributes



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - October 15, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kris Matthews.



October 15, 2022 at 01:54 AM



“ Kris, Kami and family have been family for a long time. Always there when anyone needed it. He was a one of a kind man. I pray Gods glory and peace over his family and friends.



Ashley Greer - October 14, 2022 at 10:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kris Matthews.



October 14, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Kris Matthews.



October 14, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kris Matthews.



October 14, 2022 at 02:18 PM

JB

“ *From Jeff and Roxie Borlace*



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**Jeff and Roxsanna Borlace** - October 14, 2022 at 12:52 PM

SG

“ *Schulman's Movie Bowl Grille purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kris Matthews.*



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**Schulman's Movie Bowl Grille** - October 14, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kris Matthews.*



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October 14, 2022 at 09:39 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Kris Matthews.*



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October 13, 2022 at 10:55 PM

SM

“ Kris and Kami were our neighbors when we lived down there and I am so sorry to hear this, they are special people and would help us anytime. He and my late husband were good friends. I am so sorry for your loss. May God see you through this difficult time. Love you guys 🙏

sally mundie - October 13, 2022 at 10:07 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Kris Matthews.



October 13, 2022 at 08:07 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kris Matthews.



October 13, 2022 at 07:17 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kris Matthews.



October 13, 2022 at 06:28 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Kris Matthews.*



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October 13, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ *Kris was my softball coach probably 14-15 years ago now. He worked with me and never let me give up even when I really wanted to. He has forever made a positive impact in my life just by never giving up on me. I will never forget him and will always miss him.*



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**Brit Miller** - October 13, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Hannah Estes lit a candle in memory of Kris Matthews*



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**Hannah Estes** - October 13, 2022 at 10:40 AM

SW

“ I watched Kris grow up beside our girls, Leslea and Tonie, all their lives. He is one of those special souls who always helped others and loved his family. Kind to everybody and helped so many countless people in our county. Father God please let your Grace, Mercy, Peace and great Love hold Kami and their children in the coming months. Let them feel Your presence with them and know Kris is with You Father in Glory, because we have this Blessed Hope is Jesus. Guide them and set your angels around them as we hold them up to Your Throne of Grace in prayer. In the Precious Name of Jesus , Amen and Amen

Sherry Dockery Williamson - October 13, 2022 at 12:58 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Kris Matthews.



October 12, 2022 at 09:39 PM



“ Elizabeth Gutierrez sent a virtual gift in memory of Kris Matthews



Elizabeth Gutierrez - October 12, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Lisa, & Rachel Hoppe lit a candle in memory of Kris Matthews* ”



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**Lisa, Larry & Rachel Hoppe** - October 12, 2022 at 04:03 PM