



## Lewis Newton Mathison

February 20, 1934 - December 22, 2019

Lewis Newton Mathison, 85, was born February 20, 1934 in Corsicana to Lewis H. and Lura Kate Mathison. He passed away Sunday, December 22, 2019 at Twilight Nursing Home following a brief illness. After graduation from Wortham ISD, he entered the US Air Force in November 1955 and served until September 1957. Lewis attended Navarro College, where he played baseball, before transferring to East Texas State University, there earning a Master's Degree in Agriculture Education. He began his teaching career in the Chico ISD, where he taught 14 years before moving to Blooming Grove. He retired from Blooming Grove ISD in 1992, after teaching Ag for 32 years. He touched many students lives during his career.

Lewis was a member of the Young Farmers of Texas for 17 years and held an Honorary Life Membership in the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas. In 2012 he was recognized as Outstanding Ex Teacher by BG ISD. He also put in countless hours at the Navarro County Youth Expo and was recognized for his service in 2015. In July 1966, Lewis became a Master Mason and was recognized for 50 years in 2017. He was very active in the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Past Patron, Grand Representative, and served on the Board of Benevolence. He was a member of the Lion's Club and the Volunteer Fire Departments of Chico and Blooming Grove. By donating almost 14 gallons of blood to the American Red Cross, Lewis provided the potential to help over 300 lives.

Lewis is preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 54 years Bonnie Gordon Mathison, and his sister Lenora Mathison Cohagan and husband Billy Sam Cohagan.

He is survived by his wife of 5 years Judy Gillen Mathison of Corsicana, his children Sharon Watkins and husband Gary of Franklin, TX, Debra Goyne and husband Paul of Camp Zama, Japan, Nancy Sykes and husband Billy of Chatfield, TX, and Tim Mathison and wife Tiffany of Billings, MT. His grandchildren include Matthew Watkins and wife Sara of Mansfield, TX, Christopher Watkins and wife Darci of Houston, TX, Aaron Goyne and wife Sheena of Port Matilda, PA, Kaylyn Cowan and Brad Frasier of Rockwall, TX, Jason Cowan of Tulsa, OK, Hunter Papendick of Plano, TX, Blake Sykes of Waco, TX, Hailey Hamill and husband Mike of Forney, TX, Shelby Tableriou and husband Michael of Jonesboro, AR, Carrie Vickers and husband Micah of Edmond, OK and Michael Goyne of Edmond, OK. He leaves 11 great grandchildren including Luke and Hope Watkins, Hayden and Hannah Watkins, Mason French and Rylie Goyne, Summer Burton, Maci, Jase and Kyler Frasier and Carter Hamill. Bonus children, all residing in Blooming Grove, include Laurie Ledbetter and husband Dusty, Glynn Saunders and wife Robin and Lynn Saunders, plus their children, Lee Ledbetter and Thomas Saunders. Lewis also leaves nephew James Cohagan and wife Susan of Belton and their two daughters Candace and Emily and many other nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members.

Visitation with the family will be Friday evening from 6-8pm at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home. A celebration of his life will be Saturday, December 28, 2019 at 10:00am in the Chapel at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home with Rev. Kevin Diggs, Rev. Robert Barnett and Rev. Bruce Carpenter officiating. Burial with Masonic Rites will follow at Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery with grandsons serving as pallbearers.



# Cemetery Details

## Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

DEC 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

DEC 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lewis Newton Mathison*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



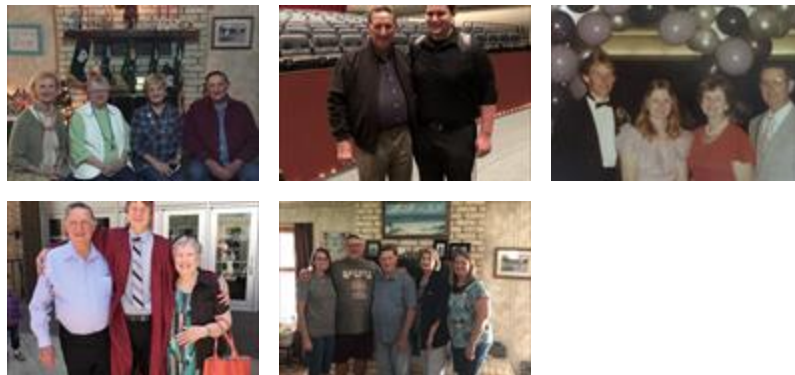
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lewis Newton Mathison.*



December 27, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



**Nancy Mathison Sykes** - December 27, 2019 at 12:46 AM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



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**Nancy Mathison Sykes** - December 27, 2019 at 12:40 AM

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“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



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**Nancy Mathison Sykes** - December 27, 2019 at 12:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Lewis Newton Mathison*.



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December 26, 2019 at 04:24 PM

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“ *Todd, Charlotte, Kylee, Katie, and Jaxon Loper purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lewis Newton Mathison.*



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**Todd, Charlotte, Kylee, Katie, and Jaxon Loper** - December 26, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lewis Newton Mathison.*



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December 25, 2019 at 04:14 AM

PC

“ *Pamela Clay*



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**Pamela Clay** - December 24, 2019 at 11:26 PM

CJ

“ *Calvin And Bobbie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Lewis Newton Mathison*



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**Calvin and Bobbie Johnson** - December 23, 2019 at 05:30 PM

CJ

*Sending love and prayers at this difficult time, Lots of love!*

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**Calvin and Bobbie Johnson** - December 23, 2019 at 06:50 PM

MC

“ *MARY CALVERT lit a candle in memory of  
Lewis Newton Mathison*



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**MARY CALVERT** - December 23, 2019 at 05:01 PM