



## Matthew Norris

July 5, 1991 - April 19, 2006

Matthew Wayne Norris Jr. 14, of Malone passed away Wednesday, April 19, 2006, in Navarro County. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Griffin-Roughton Chapel. Interment will follow at Dresden Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Travis Owens, Heath Norris, Louis Fant, James Williams, Marc Ramey, and Pat McMullen. Matthew was born July 5, 1991, in Corsicana. He was an eighth grade student at Frost Independent School District. He enjoyed dirt track races, working on cars and playing video games. He was preceded in death by his father, Matthew Norris Sr. Survivors include his mother, Marlaina (Dawn) Dozier of Malone; stepfather, Jason Dozier of Frost; brother, Tommy Dozier of Malone; sister, Megan Norris of Dallas; grandparents, Roy and Diane Norris Emmett, Susan Cargal of Dallas and Terry Lee of Dallas; great-grandfather, Harold Adamson of Frost; aunts and uncles, Martin and Lori Del Toro of Dallas, Charlie and Julie Norris of Hillsboro, and Mike and Julie Coker of Emmett; and cousins, Heath, Alicia, Amanda, Brandy, Lisa, Emily and Joey.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew Norris*

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“ *Dawn,  
I offer my sincerest, deepest sympathies for you and your family. I loved working with Matt so much and I am blessed to have been able to spend time with him this year. If there is anything I can do to help - now or in the future, please don't hesitate to call on me.*

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**Robin Gaines** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you for the loss of your child. Words cannot express what you are going through right now. Just know that he is in a much better place than we are and you will see him again some day.*

*Love, Jennie and Johnny Sutton*

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**Jennie Sutton** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dearest Dawn, Jason, Megan and Tommy:

*My heart goes out to you all. I offer my friendship and words of encouragement. I don't understand the pain we must endure but I do trust that God will bring you all through this.*

*Matthew's treasures awaits him in heaven along with his beloved dad "MATT".*

*I love you all and you are in my prayers.*

*Love,  
Debbie*

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**Debbie Pate Simmons** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Matt, I always loved you and thought you were such a sweet boy. I will dearly miss you. Aunt Carol*

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**Carol Martin** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *We are so sorry for the death of Matthew. If you all need anything we can do ,just call us. We will be praying for all of you.  
Randall&Brenda*

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**Randall & Brenda Burleson** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Words can't express our sorrow at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
The 8th grade class at Frost JR High will forever have a hole in them. Matthew was a friend to everyone of them, and he will never be forgotten. He will forever be a part of them.*

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**Kelli Ritterbach** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Words cannot express our deepest sympathy for the loss of Matthew. He will be missed in everyone's heart that knew him. We are here for you in every way we can.

Love,

*Paula, Cassie & Travis Thurston.*

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**Paula, Cassie & Travis Thurston** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Hey Matthew I know that you can't read this but I know you can see me from heaven and I know that you know that I will miss you, along with alot of other people. Remember when I used to come over when your mom and my mom would hang out and we would go playing in the trees by your house pretending like we were searching for something and playing numerous games? I do. Those are some of my fondest memories about you. Not once was i ever bored because of your endless imagination. I can't imagine what it is going to be like now just knowing that I can't go back to that. I'll miss it. I know you are 3 years younger than I am but you were mature for your age and even though I haven't seen you in so long, It hurts to know that I won't see you again. Im sorry that this happend to you but remember I love ya and I'll miss you.

To the family, Dawn I can't imagine how heartbreaking this is for you. I know "everything happens for a reason" doesn't cover it now but maybe someday we will know why.

Megan, Wow, I don't even know what to say to you, thats your baby brother...I know you helped raise this kid... And its more like losing one of your own I can imagine...but you'll make it through this. You always knew how to pull through the hard things in life. God knows you've experienced them. hang in there.

Tommy- Im sorry that it happend buddy, i know you lost your best friend. Just don't ever forget him and all the fun times you had. Big brothers looking down on you so anytime you need him just talk to him, he can hear you.

Jason-I've yet to figure out why it had to be you that this happend to. I don't think there was another person in this world that loved those two boys besides their mom and siblings as much as you do. It was just a freak accident...It could have happend to anyone I suppose. Hang in there for Tommy though, I know it will be hard but he needs you more than you know now.

I love you guys, I hope everything works out for you. God Bless You.  
-April Blissett

**April Blissett** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Matt was a very respectful young man. He will be missed by all.... My prayers are with you and your family*

*Jennifer*

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**Jennifer Huff** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *I am glad I had the chance to know Mathew even tho I am not his real Aunt he thought I was and that was good enough for me.I love You Mathew and you always will be in my heart.Love Aunt Jo*

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**Joanna Coker Mayo** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ *Matthew,*

*You were always a good kid. You always said hello and took the time to play with Camacho. He misses you very much. You were like his big brother. This summer won't be the same with out you here to jump on the trampoline or swim in the pool. You were always a good freind. Camacho loves you.*

*You were always a good neighbor who would help when asked. We will always love you. We miss you very much. The street isn't the same without you riding your bike or walking to your friends house. We always enjoyed having you over the house. We miss you. We love you. Please keep watch on all of as from Heaven. Natasha, Evelio, Camacho and Mrs. Wheeler.*

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**Natasha Guevara** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ We have been in the same class since kindergaten and I and all your class mates miss you terribly. We love you!!!

*Love Elizabeth*

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**Elizabeth Burleson** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Words cannot express our feelings right now. This is a horrible accident that we will all grieve over forever. Matthew is in the most peaceful place now with his father whom we all know that he missed greatly. He is a wonderful young man who we all loved. Jason, you know that we will always be here for you and help you through this. It was an accident that could have happened to anyone. Tommy, we love you dearly and are deeply saddened for the loss of your big brother. He loved you and will always be watching over you. You will forever feel his presence in your life. Megan, you are in our thoughts and prayers and we will always pray for you and your family. Dawn, please call if there is anything that we can ever do. You are in our prayers as well. Matthew, may you forever rest in peace and shine above us all.

*All our love.....The Radke family*

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**Dawn** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Sorry for your loss. Matthew and me were friends and I miss him a lot!

*Love Cat*

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**Cathryn Allison** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Matthew was a great friend. We should have more boys like him at are school (Frost).

Cayla - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ To Matthew:

*I always took for granted, what I thought I'd never lose. Because I never thought it would happen, until I heard the dreaded news. They say you were chosen for his garden, His preciously hand picked bouquet. "God really needed him, thay's why he couldn't stay." Saying good-bye is never easy, it's the hardest thing to do. But what hurts me even more is not the chance to say it to you. So today, Jesus, as you are listening in your home above; Would you go and find Matthew and give him all my love.*

*To Megan:*

*Please keep a open heart for God. There is a reason for everything. I know you've heard that time and time again and might not see it right now, but God does love you very much. Just think, Matthew if finally back with Matt where he truly has always been in his heart. I can see them now smiling and playing and remember how Matt usta let him ride on his shoulder? I know Matthew is much bigger now, but I can still see them. Be happy for him. He is watching out for you too now. I will see you soon. I love you. Cathy*

*To Dawn:*

*I can't even begin to imagine what you are going through right now. You have been selected by God to be special in only a way he can define. I immediately thought of you when I heard the news. I don't know if words can help you with the emptiness you are feeling right now. I am guessing you are needing answers and I don't have them. Believe me I wish I did. If I can help you in any way, please let me know. Cathy*

Cathy Stutts - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I am truly sorry for your loss. Matthew meant so much to our family. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you or your family. You will all remain in my prayers.

Love,  
Aunt Sissy

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**Cecilia Wallace** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I CAN STILL HEAR YOU SAYING HEY  
MOMMA RITA, MOMMA RITA WILL MISS  
YOU!!!!!!!  
JASON LIFE WONT ALWAYS BE THIS HARD, WE'RE HERE FOR  
YOU.  
DAWN, MEGAN, TOMMY IF WE CAN DO ANYTHING CALL.

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**JERRY RITAJ & BOYS** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I'm sorry about the loss of Matthew. I have been in school with him and at Emmett church since about 1st grade. We had lots of memories! He was a great guy and friend to everyone. Our class took it extemly hard, but we know he will live in peace with his dad!  
Love and Prayers for yall.  
Love, The Mayses'

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**Misty Mayse** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ To matts mom and family i'll be prayin every step of the way for yall, and that i know that i wasn't Matts best friend but i was a good friend to him. and i will miss him dearly. he was a funny guy to me. and i'll miss that. God bless u.

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**Travis Cassady** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to the Family. No words can discribe the loss of a child. God Bless all of you.

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**Richard & Hunter Cagle** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Jason,Dawn,Megan and Tommy.  
Our thoughts and prayer are with you all.  
May you be blessed with all the wonderful thoughts of Mathew.  
God bless you all.

*Calvin and Sandy  
Bud And Bobbie*

*Dawn my heart and Soal goes out to you.  
I love you and wish I could be there.If you need anything-IM HERE  
Sandy*

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**Calvin & Sandy Fitzgerald** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dawn, I don't know if you will remember me. I guess this world is a lot smaller than we give it credit, at times. My cousin Crystal Haney graduated with Megan and she called to let me know. I wanted to let you know that my family has yours in our prayers. I know that right now that doesn't seem like much. I don't know that it will ever seem like much... in comparison to your loss.

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**Sheryl (frmly McAnally) Abbitt** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Dawn & family,  
I was devistated to hear of your loss. I don't know why things like this happen but I do know that Matt is in a much better place being fully embraced by his Dad. If there is anything at all you need or want please don't hesitate to ask. We are here for you and will be praying for you and the family. We love you!!!

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**Rachel Aldridge** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Matt was the greatest guy anyone could have known. He could make you laugh on your worst day. He made everyday an adventure and he will be missed by so many. Once again I am sorry and I will be praying for the whole family!!  
I LOVE YOU MATT!!!

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**Krystal Jackson** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Mrs. Dozier and Megan,  
My heart goes out to you and your family. Matthew was a very special young man. He brought joy and laughter to all those that knew him. He will be missed by all. May God bless you and keep you during this time of need.

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**Janet Carson** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I am very sorry about your loss. I've known Matthew since first grade and will remember him forever. He was always bringing smiles to our faces and he was never in a bad mood. I hope it comforts you to know that others besides yourself are greatly saddened by his loss, though I'm sure not near as much as you for I can't imagine the difficulty of losing a child. I will keep you and Tommy in my prayers.

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**Christian DeJean** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ My prayers are with both Roy and Diana and all family members and may God Bless you all.

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**Peggy Adams** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dawn & Family -- We have been praying for you and your family. Matthew was much too young and he will be greatly missed. We will be there for you Sunday. You have many friends lifting you up in prayer.

*Roma and Larry*

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**Larry & Roma Wright** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Matt, I will miss you. You were a very sweet and good friend to me. I went to school with you in Frost and was your classmate. I rode the bus with you everyday and sometimes sat with you, too. May God be with you.  
Love always,  
Emmy

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**Emmy Mayrhofen** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ On behalf of the staff, faculty and administration at Frost ISD, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy. Matthew will truly be missed. If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know. May God draw you near to him at this difficult time.

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**Becky Melton** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ He was a great friend. I am so sorry. Sometimes life can be hard but he is in a better place.

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**Cayla** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AY

“ I did not know Matthew personally but my heartfelt prayers and sympathy go out to his grandmother, Diane and her family. May God provide you all the love and comfort in your time of grief.

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**angie ybarra** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I'm so sorry for your tragic loss. Megan, I love you and I'll be here for you whenever you need me.

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**Sarah Rogers** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dawn, our sympathies go out to you and your family. We love you very much and want you to remember and to know that Matthew is in heaven with his dad. The Lord Jesus has him wrapped in His arms right now, and that is a comfort to know, that Matthew is in a beautiful place where he can watch you all. Brittany loved Matthew so much and we have lost touch over the years and not spent enough time together, but I want you to know that you are in my heart and prayers daily. If you need me, just call. Love, Brenda Lee and Brittany Jean

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**Mrs. Brenda Lee Baldree(Cheshier)** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Mike , Julie and Family.  
At times like this it's sometimes hard  
To find the words to say, My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Now While skies can seem so gray.  
Please keep in mind that times will change.  
Though clouds now fill your sky . . .  
That once again your sun will shine  
As a new day draws high. I love you all very much,, Jena

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**Jena (coker) Perkins** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss.....  
You are in my prayers and thoughts.....  
With love,  
Kynne Beth and boys....

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**Kynne Beth Gage** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Dawn, Jason and Tommie, I am very sorry to have heard about Matthew, I want you all too know that We are thinking about you all and our hearts and prayers go out to ya'll. I am sorry that I could not come to the funeral but I am with you all in my thoughts. Call or come by the house anytime.  
Tammy

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**Tammy Campbell** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ im so very sorry for you loss. i just wanted you to know that you all are in my prayers. i know that probably doesnt seem like much and it may never. it is never easy to lose someone so close to you and we dont have any answers at to why it happens but one day im sure we will all find out the answer. as for matthew he is with his king looking down on all of us. megan im so sorry. i know we havent been close but at one time we were and i know it isnt easy to lose someone so important but im sure you will find a way to get through. just remember that your dad and brother are together now looking down on you and smileing at at all of you. you are in my prayers.

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**crystal haney** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

VY

“ TO THE NORRIS FAMILY:

SORRY ABOUT YOUR LOST . I KNEW MATT WHEN HE WAS A LITTLE BOY AND I USE TO CALL HIM BLUE EYES HE WAS SO CUIITE I WELL MISS HIM , I WAS FRIEND'S WITH HIS MOM AND DAD. NOW HE GETS TO GO HOME TO HIS DAD. MY GOD BE WITH YOU ALL

YBARRA FAMILY

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**VICKIE YBARRA** - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM