



## Homer Lee Matney

November 4, 1920 - July 24, 2016

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He went to Duncan, Oklahoma to play with the Halliburton Oilers and decided to work for Halliburton and later felt a call on his life to become a minister. He pastored three churches in Stephens County: Denton Baptist, Fairview Baptist, and Corum Baptist. He loved people as exemplified by the type of Pastor he was. He visited in the homes of his members whenever needed and always visited them in hospitals in Oklahoma and Texas.

He resided in the Veteran's Center for the past five years and he loved those who cared for him, and they became his extended family. Playing dominoes was a favorite pastime of

his and he was ready and able even in his nineties to beat any competitor, especially Andy Brandenburg and his daughter, Connie.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Matney, of Lawton; two sons, Ronnie Matney, of Lawton, OK, and Donnie Matney, of Rattan, OK; one daughter, Connie and her husband Darrel Jones, of Lawton, OK; one sister, Mildred Phillips, of Chillicothe, TX; six grandchildren; and twelve great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father; and his siblings, Henry, Elbert, Essie, Carl, Walter, Juanita, and W.L. Matney.

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# Comments

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“ Donnie, Ronnie and Connie, Sorry for your loss. Just wanted ya'll to know we are thinking of you. Glenn & Kathy ( Simon) Johnson



**Glenn** - July 27, 2016 at 01:03 PM

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“ Connie and family

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. He was a great man and will be missed by so many!

With Love and Sympathy,  
Bonny Hartline



**Bonny Hartline** - July 27, 2016 at 09:58 AM



“ Thank you Bonny! You have been such a sweet friend for many years! Love and prayers to you!

**Darrell and Connie Jones** - August 21, 2016 at 10:02 AM

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“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Homer Lee Matney.



July 26, 2016 at 03:21 PM



“ Loved his stories of early baseball---when he played with local communities---- and each town had a team---- and he earned the name of Homer--- cause he knocked em over the fence---- great example of a true servant----- Jesus is proud of him-----  
David and Dianne Malone

David Malone - July 26, 2016 at 03:10 PM



“ Thank you for your love and sweet words! Love both of you!

Darrell and Connie Jones - August 21, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Homer Lee Matney.



July 26, 2016 at 02:42 PM