

Richard Sim Mathews
January 20, 1951 - April 15, 2023

Celebrating the Life of
Richard Sim Mathews
Saturday, April 29, 2023 10:00 a.m.
Broussard's Chapel
Beaumont, Texas
Deacon Steve McGaha

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Military Honors by
United States Air Force
Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group

Scripture Reading
I Corinthians 15:50-55

But I say this, brothers, that flesh and blood is not able to inherit the kingdom of God, nor can corruption inherit incorruptibility. Behold, I tell you a mystery: we will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For it is necessary *for* this perishable *body* to put on incorruptibility, and this mortal *body* to put on immortality. But whenever this perishable *body* puts on incorruptibility and this mortal *body* puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will take place:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, *is* your victory?
Where, O death, *is* your sting?”

Homily

“*Just Fishin’*”
by Trace Adkins

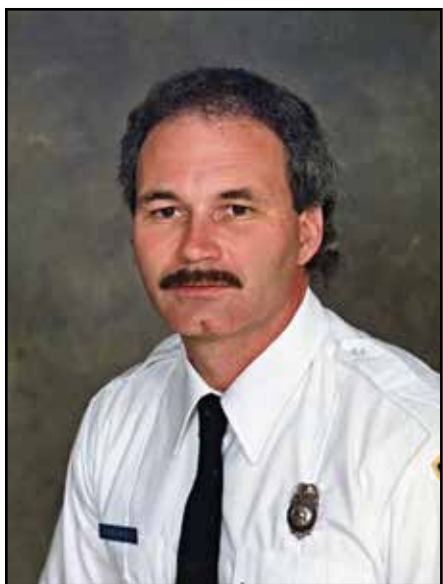
Reflection and Eulogy
Kelly Fuhlman

“*American Outlaws*”
by The Highwaymen

Honors by
Beaumont Fire Department

Closing Prayer

“*The Dance*”
by Garth Brooks



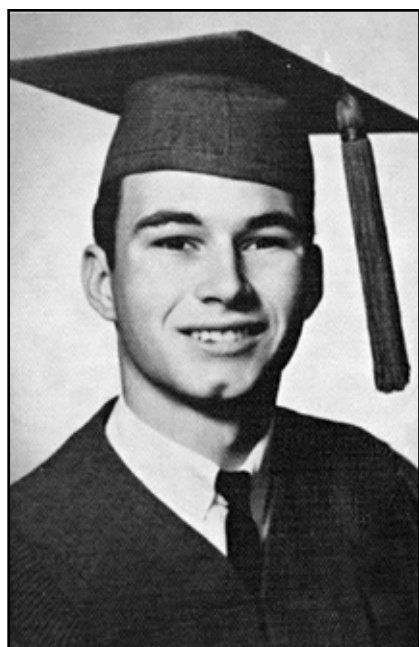
Mr. Richard Sim Mathews, age 72 passed on from this life, April 15, 2023, while holding the hand of his beautiful wife. Rick was born to Bernice (Nichols) Mathews and James Mathews on January 20, 1951, in Beaumont, Texas.

He served in the United States Air Force for four years as a Sargent with the 602nd Tactical Air Control Center Squadron at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, Texas. Rick then went on to serve his community

for thirty-one years as a Beaumont Fireman. He also followed in his father's footsteps and built a successful construction business. Rick enjoyed going to the gym, fishing, playing blackjack, riding his Harley and most of all spending time with his family and friends.

Those who are left to cherish his memory are his wife, Athena Ferrell Mathews of Beaumont, Texas; brother, James Mathews Sr. and his wife, Melda Mathews of Lumberton, Texas; sister, Martha and her husband, Chuck Albanese of Beaumont, Texas; daughter, Kelly and her husband, Jeremy Fuhlman; nephews, James Jr., and his wife, Teresa Mathews; Mike and his wife, Niki Albanese, Eldon and his wife Lisa Albanese, bonus daughter, Jennifer and her husband, Mike Davidson; bonus son, Alex Ferrell; grandchildren, Reece Fuhlman, Xander Ferrell, Maddax Ferrell, Jaxson Ferrell, Emberlynn Ferrell, Anakin Davidson, Marlie Davidson, Noah Davidson, and Norman Davidson.

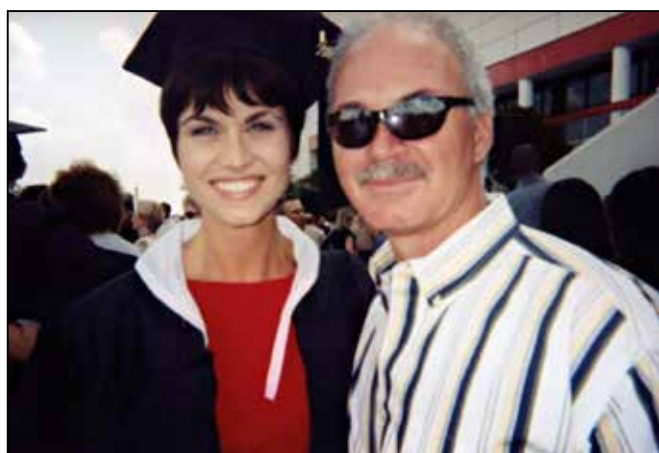
Special thanks to his best buddy and caregiver, Ms. Sharon Reed.





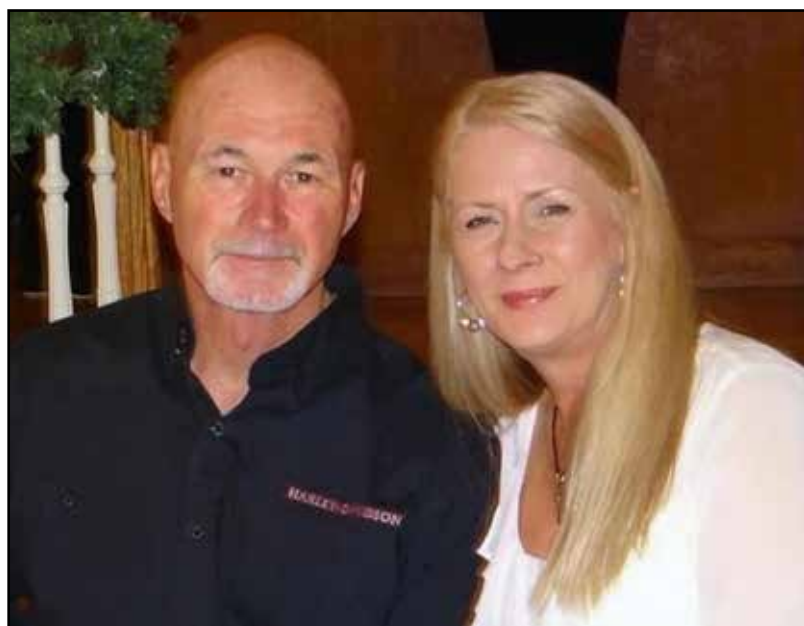
Firefighter's Prayer

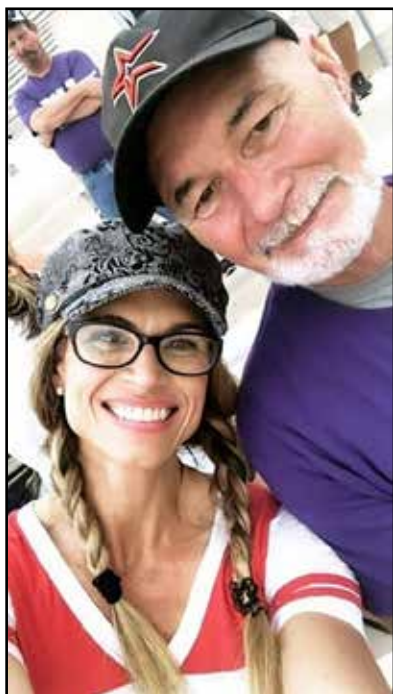
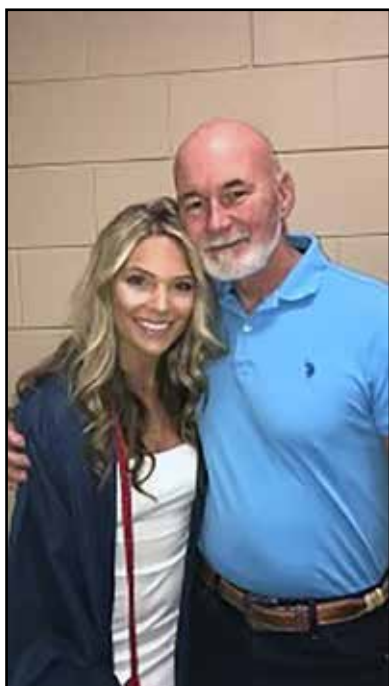
When I am called to duty, God wherever flames may rage,
give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age.
Help me to embrace a little child before it's too late,
or save an older person from the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout,
and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me,
to guard my neighbor and protect his property.
And if according to your will I have to lose my life,
bless with your protecting hand my loving family from strife.













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Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions
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