



Mr. Ellis Louis "Big River" Mattox Jr.

February 11, 1938 - July 16, 2013

Mr. Ellis Louis Mattox, Jr. was born February 11, 1938 to Mr. Ellis Louis Mattox, Sr. and Mrs. Bernice Alexander-Mattox in Houston, Texas and was reared in Sunnyside, Texas by his grandmother, Mrs. Dora Alexander. At an early age he joined Harper Chapel Methodist Church.

He attended Elementary School in Hempstead, Texas and was known by many friends as "Big River". He attended Prairie View A&M College in Prairie View, Texas. He later relocated to Chicago, Illinois in 1955. During this time he was united in marriage to Irene Edwards. To this union, four children were born. Ellis, along with his new family, returned to his childhood home of Sunnyside, Texas in the late 1960's.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ellis Louis Mattox, Sr. and Bernice Alexander-Mattox; younger brother Charles R. Mattox and daughter Melody in infancy.

He leaves behind a devoted and dedicated wife, Irene Mattox of Sunnyside, Texas; loving daughters, Denise Mattox (Sunnyside, Texas), Debra Mattox-Smith (Hempstead, Texas), Diana Mattox-Hibbert (Stone Mountain, Georgia), younger sisters, Dora M. Gentry (Houston, Texas), Brenda Greathouse (Chicago, Illinois), five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and long-time friends

Cemetery Details

Harpers Cemetery

Monaville, TX 77445

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Singleton & Sons Funeral Home
627 New Orleans
Hempstead, TX 77445
(979) 826-2425
info@singletonandsonsfh.com
<https://www.singletonandsonsfh.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 20. 3:00 PM (CT)

Harpers Methodist
Monaville, TX 77445

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ellis Louis "Big River" Mattox Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 11:58 AM



I worked in the office at Daniel Industries, as did my husband. We both knew Ellis to be a sweet, kind, good hardworking man. We were on our way out to Fayette County and stopped to visit with Ellis. He was so kind to offer us something to drink and had giant snifter full of wallets. He asked if we wanted one and my son, about 7, was so thrilled to pick one out. So happy to have known him. I still honk my horn on the way to Fayette so he knows I still think of him! Rest in peace, Ellis.

Cyndi and Dave Wadyka - November 01, 2024 at 11:14 AM