



Mr. David Wesley Hodges

August 1, 1946 - June 29, 2025

Funeral services for Mr. David Wesley Hodges, 78, of Carthage, Texas will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 5, 2025, at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Carl Anderson officiating. Burial will follow in the Bethlehem Cemetery. Visitation will be 10-11:00 a.m. Saturday prior to the service at Hawthorns.

Mr. David Wesley Hodges was born August 1, 1946, in Carthage, Texas. He passed this life June 29, 2025, in Tyler, Texas. David was one of five children born to the marriage of Mildred Lola Sanders and David Charlie Hodges. He was raised and schooled in Carthage, graduating with the Carthage High School Bulldog class of 1964. Mr. Hodges served his country as a SSG in the U.S. Army retiring in 1977. He married Elesa Torres May 5, 1967, and together they celebrated 56 years of marriage and four children before she preceded him in death in 2023. David worked as a crane operator for many years. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing and was known for forging knives of great quality. He is also preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert Earl Hodges; son, David Earl Hodges; grandson, Wesley James Martin.

Mr. Hodges is survived by his devoted children, Sharon Ann Martin and husband Chuck, Daniel W. Hodges and wife Tara, Elesa Christiane Stevens and her husband Stevie; sisters, Loretta Etheredge, Louise Twomey, Lois Crawford; sister-in-law, Leslie Hodges; grandchildren, Kolebi Spikes, Samantha Ritter, Kasadi Bixler, Elliott Martin, Mara and Blayne Hodges; great grandchildren, Brannan, Clayton, Koleson, Everleigh, and Kohleigh; numerous

nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be, Ricky Smith, Steve Carridine, Jeff Etheredge, Elliott Martin, James Ritter, Neriberto Iniguez. Honorary pallbearers will be, Brannan Stevens, Blayne Hodges.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Cemetery

1343 CR 108
Carthage, TX 75633

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

JUL 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Tribute Wall



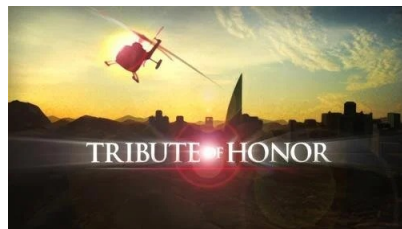
“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. David Wesley Hodges



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 05, 2025 at 01:51 PM



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Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 02, 2025 at 04:24 PM

SC

“ There are people that impact you in your life and you don't even realize they did. David Wesley was one of those people in mine. I was good friends with Davis Earl until I moved from Carthage. I spent the night at their house on numerous occasions when we were younger. I can remember the fishing trips on Murvaul, but my fondest memory is when he fixed my BMX bike. The chain kept coming off and he made the necessary adjustments and it never came off again. At the time there was no one in my life that would take the time to do what he did. To emphasize the importance of this act of kindness, three days ago I saw a kid on the side of the road pushing his bike. I had so much going on that day but I stopped to help him out. I fixed his bike and he was on his way. It reminded me of David Wesley. At the time, I had no idea he had passed away. If you think God doesn't work in mysterious ways, you are wrong.

Scotty Curry - July 14, 2025 at 01:39 PM

SH

“ *Christiane and family,*

We are so sorry for your loss. you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending you so much love during this time.

Shayna Hall and family

Shayna Hall - July 05, 2025 at 05:05 PM

JD

“ Loretta and family, We are so sorry for your loss of David. Please remember all the good times you shared and cherish each memory. With our love,
Jerry Don and Pat Edens Dorman
Isaiah 4031



Jerry Don and Pat Edens Dorman - July 04, 2025 at 11:31 PM

AH

“ Thanks pops for teaching me about rigging and cranes, you were like a father to me and I will always love you. I'll never forget the first time we met and I put my foot in my mouth. I am so sorry that we cannot be there in person, but know we are praying for you and your family. Love Anthony Haro

Anthony E Haro - July 03, 2025 at 08:27 PM

AH

“ Anthony and Michelle Haro purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Mr. David Wesley Hodges.



Anthony and Michelle Haro - July 03, 2025 at 08:16 PM

GG

“ I am so sorry for the Family's loss of Mr. Hodges. Each one of you will be in my thoughts and continued prayers.



Glenda Chambers Grimes - July 03, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. David Wesley Hodges.*



July 03, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ *My love and condolences.*



Kim Henigan - July 02, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ *55 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 02, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ *Chris Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Wesley Hodges*



Chris Cavaliere - July 01, 2025 at 06:44 PM