



## Mr. John Edward Williams

September 27, 1942 - October 11, 2020

Graveside funeral services for Mr. John Edward Williams, 78 of Beckville, Texas will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, October 15, 2020 in the Martin Cemetery with Dr. Dale Reed officiating. Burial will follow under the direction Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Mr. John Edward Williams was born September 27, 1942 in Beckville, Texas and passed away October 11, 2020 in Tyler, Texas.

Mr. John Edward Williams was the only born child to the marriage of Audie Elton and Ada Martin Williams. He was the apple of his mother's eye. John, a Beckville native, was the great-great grandson of Daniel and Eleanor Martin, the first settlers of Panola County. He was a graduate of Beckville High School with the Bearcat class of 1961. Stricken with polio as a young child, John did not let his disability keep him from leading a successful life. He was one of the most accomplished heavy equipment operators of East Texas. In addition to being self-employed, he worked for various construction companies, including Longview Construction, McMann, Courtney, and Pierce Construction before his retirement. He was an avid outdoorsman, N.R.A. member, loved guns, skeet shooting, gardening, and his tractor. John is preceded in death by his father. John then devoted himself to his mother's care until she preceded him in death as well.

Mr. Williams is survived by his sons, Brad Williams and wife Jessie of Shreveport with a grandchild on the way, Jon Erik Hough and wife Jennifer McDaniel and their child, Jon Asher Hough all of Carthage; cousins, Carolyn Harmon and husband Conley of Longview, Ann Tuttle and husband Bobby of Beckville, Jetta Taylor of Longview, Brenda Pierce and husband Kenneth of Beckville, Lois Walker of Nacogdoches; many other relatives and a host of friends.

The family requests memorials in his memory to Shriners Children's Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Martin Cemetery  
8700 FM 3231 N  
Henderson, TX 75631

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John Edward Williams



Hawthorn Funeral Home - October 14, 2020 at 03:02 PM

FC

What a beautiful tribute to John. RIP my friend. God Bless. Prayers.

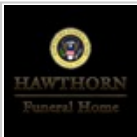
Fay Cavender - October 15, 2020 at 02:40 PM

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“ James and Pam Allen



James and Pam Allen - October 15, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ 54 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - October 14, 2020 at 02:52 PM

AM

“ *Arlene Mayfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Williams*



Arlene Mayfield - October 14, 2020 at 08:21 AM

IR

“ *Our condolences to the family. John was a friend.  
Ike and Chris Reeves*

Ike Reeves - October 14, 2020 at 07:31 AM

AM

“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



Arlene Mayfield - October 13, 2020 at 10:06 PM

JA

*Gonna miss you partner! May GOD bless the family!!*

Jerry C Anderson - October 14, 2020 at 01:40 PM

SH

*So sorry for your loss Brad. Prayers!! Let us know if you need anything.*

Steve Hill - October 14, 2020 at 11:25 PM

KP

“ *Brad, we are so sorry to hear of your loss! You and Jessie are in our prayers!  
Ken & Susie Paulovich*

ken paulovich - October 13, 2020 at 09:26 PM

AM

“ John and I was married, and John took on a 16 year old boy (Jon Erik) he was a father to him teaching him how to run a backhoe and now today thats what Jon Erik does for a living ! He was a great teacher for my son , my son considered John as his dad and best friend ! John, I will miss your phone calls and all your silliness ! See ya one day on the streets of gold !

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**Arlene Mayfield** - October 13, 2020 at 08:27 PM

AR

Asher, said I bet Pawpaw John is having a good time with Pawpaw Tommy and Pawpaw Thomas. Asher will miss riding on pawpaws side by side with him !

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**Arle** - October 13, 2020 at 08:47 PM