



Rev. Thad Mills

September 28, 1945 - July 26, 2025

Funeral services for Rev. Thad Mills, 79, of Carthage, Texas will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Levi Cohurst and Mr. Ron Roquemore officiating. Burial will follow in the Liberty Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery in San Augustine, Texas at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday. Visitation will be 10-11:00 a.m. prior to the service at Hawthorns.

Rev. Thad Roy Mills was born September 28, 1945, in San Augustine, Texas. He passed this life peacefully on July 26, 2025, in Carthage, Texas. Thad was one of six children born to the marriage of Melba Louise Ponder and Ernest William "E.W." Mills, Sr. He was raised and schooled in San Augustine and married Lenora Lakey. They celebrated 56 years of marriage and three children before she preceded him in death.

Rev. Mills served many churches in his ministry career through Old Salem Baptist Church, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and many years at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church before his retirement. He loved the outdoors, golfing and time with family. He is also preceded in death by his parents; brothers Elbert and Ernest Mills, Jr. and a granddaughter, Brandi Mills.

Rev. Mills is survived by his beloved children, son, Timothy Mills and wife Stephanie of Marshall, daughters, Celeste Lewis and husband Bubba of Joaquin, Deidra Clark and husband Tommy of Evadale; brother, Cecil "Cowboy" Mills and wife Virginia of Texas City; sisters, Shirley Smith and husband Paul of San Augustine, Beverly Rains and husband Ewel of Carthage; grandchildren, Heather, T.J. and Josh Swift, Amanda Kirby, Justin

Lewis, Chip, Brandon, and Amanda Lovell, Taylor Mills, Devon Webb, numerous great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Serving as pallbearers will be T.J. Swift, Josh Swift Taylor Mills, Justin Lewis, Chip Lovell, and Brandon Lovell.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JUL 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

Liberty Hill
San Augustine, TX

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Thad Mills



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 29, 2025 at 01:35 PM

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“ Mach natural resources drilling team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rev. Thad Mills.



Mach natural resources drilling team - July 28, 2025 at 03:51 PM

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“ Prayers for everyone.

Phyllis Stanford - July 28, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Thad Mills.



July 28, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Thad Mills.*



July 28, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ *ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS INC. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rev. Thad Mills.*



ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS INC. - July 28, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ *The absolute best pastor Mt Bethel ever had, always helping people even if they were from different churches, and he never hesitated to tell folks about Jesus.. surely the Lord will say.. Well done.. rest in peace my brother.*

Kenny Thorson - July 27, 2025 at 09:30 PM