



## Rodney Mel Mathews

September 2, 1950 - December 23, 2019

Rodney Mel Mathews, age 69, formerly of Fordyce, passed away Monday, December 23, 2019 at Alcoa Pines Nursing and Rehab in Benton, Arkansas.

He was born September 2, 1950 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas to the late Julius Thurston "J.T." Mathews and Anne Merle Mullikin Mathews. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Carl Lee Mathews.

Rodney was baptized at an early age at the First Baptist Church of Fordyce. He graduated from Fordyce High School in 1968 and attended Southern State College (now Southern Arkansas University) in Magnolia, Arkansas. Rodney was a former businessman, owning Mathews of Fordyce clothing store and Chidester Well Drilling Service, where he was a member of Fordyce Chamber of Commerce. He loved music and had a natural talent for playing the guitar and the piano.

Rodney is survived by his daughter Stacy Mathews Savage and her husband, Jonathan of Arkadelphia; son, John Thomas "John Tom" Mathews and his wife, Sunni, of Fordyce; son, Robert Justin "Rob" Mathews of Conway; sister, Connie Mathews Gill and her husband, Lawrence of Fordyce; sister-in-law, Gail Hawkins Mathews, also of Fordyce; and three grandchildren, Daniel House, Harper Mathews and Emi Beth Mathews, all of Fordyce.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the First Baptist Church of Fordyce, 501 N. Main Street, Fordyce, Arkansas 71742 or to the charity of your choice. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

To sign the online register : [www.bentonfuneralhome.net](http://www.bentonfuneralhome.net).

# Comments

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“ My name is Kaye Frances Johnson Brown. I was a member of the graduating class of 1968. I would like to offer my deepest heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Rodney.

I regret his not being able to attend our 50th class Reunion.

Rodney was always kind to me even though I know it was an unusual time. he never said a mean word to me or treated me unkindly. what a legacy to leave behind.

May God bless you all. "Weeping may endure for a season, but joy comes in the morning." Rodney is only asleep. when you are saved you just go to sleep. He will awaken at the sound of the trumpet by the Arch angel.

May He Rest In Peace.

Kaye Frances Johnson Brown, Class of '68

**Kaye Brown** - January 16, 2020 at 12:43 AM

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“ Stacy, John Tom and Families.....you all have suffered a lot of heartache in recent months and I want you to know how much you are loved and thought of by so many. My prayers are with each family member as you grieve the loss of your Dad. May God comfort you during this very difficult time.

Love and condolences to the entire Mathews Family. Deborah Jones Knutson

**Deborah Jones Knutson** - January 04, 2020 at 07:55 PM

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“ Dear Stacy, John Tom and family,  
We are so sorry about your loss. Rodney was a nice guy and will be missed by all who knew and loved him. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

With love and sympathy,

Chuck and Pam Gossett

**Pam Gossett** - January 04, 2020 at 11:15 AM