



## Matthew Robert Wood

January 13, 1982 - October 24, 2010

Services for Matt Wood Date/Time Wednesday, October 27, 2010 @ 11 AM  
Service: Williams Memorial Chapel Clergy: Rev. Todd Shearin Interment:  
Middle Georgia Memory Gardens VISITATION: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 @  
Williams-White Columns Funeral Home from 6-8 PM Background: Matthew  
Robert Wood, 28, of Macon , passed away early Sunday, October 24, 2010.  
Son of Bobby Wood and Judy Johnson Baggarly, he was a lifelong resident of  
Macon. Mr. Wood was a graduate of Jones County High School, known as ?  
Tiny?, had been employed by Mike Adams? Towing Recovery and was  
employed by 49 Wrecker Service. Mr. Wood was an avid race car driver and  
member of Thomaston Road Baptist Church. Survivors: Mother & Step-  
Father: Judy Johnson (Neal) Baggarly Father & Step-Mother: Bobby E.  
(Deanna) Wood-Thomaston Half-Brothers: Eugene Wood and Scott Wood ?  
Thomaston Step-Brother: Thomas Cook ? Thomaston Step-Sisters: Alana  
Cook and Carla Norton-Thomaston Paternal Grandmother: Mrs. Tommie  
McKinley-Barnesville Among many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins: Uncle Bobby  
Johnson and Cousin: Teresa Johnson ? both of Jones County Visit the  
Memorial Page and sign the on-line guest book at [www.whitecolumnsfh.net](http://www.whitecolumnsfh.net).  
WILLIAMS-WHITE COLUMNS FUNERAL HOME OF GORDON IS IN  
CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS (478)628-2200

# Tribute Wall

AR

“ We still miss you Big Matt, you will never be forgotten! Almost racing season again so your spirit will be all over the air around here! Go get 'em BOY!!

Allen & Leah Rowland - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ we love you and miss you

samantha bass - November 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Just want the family to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this tragic time. May God have his comforting arm around you to help you get through this day by day.

Pam Brown - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

S3

“ Matt will be missed!We can't believe he is gone!! He was like a part of our family!The family is in our thoughts and prayers

Shane, Leigh Ann ,Maegan and Madison Hayes of 108 Swift Creek Drive Macon Ga 31217 - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ It's like he was a part of my family and we had a lot of stories told. Matt done his voictory lane and is going to do much more in heaven!!!!

Madison Hayes - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

B3

“ We didn't know you personally, only from the track but our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Backyard Racing of 847 pinehill rd. Dublin GA. 31021 - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

S3

“ Matt, You were a great friend, and would help anyone with anything. You kept everyone laughing, always had a smile on your face, & as much as I hate to admit it I will even miss your flirting! RIP Matt! We miss &

Somer Etheredge of 342 Elam Church Rd Gray GA 31032 - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

T3

“ my deepest sympathy goes out to the family. mat will be miss on saturday night and as always.

tony pettis of 315 west rr ave cochran ga 31014 - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Judy, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

David and Sheila Willis - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Gone but not forgotten, my Friend!

Jerry Canfield - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ So sorry for your loss. Will be praying for you all.

Leo and Essie Flair - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Will be thinking of you during this time of your loss. We are very sorry.B

Cliff and Heather Warren - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

J3

“ new matt a short time but was very pleasant to be around and likable freind he will be missed at the speedway and in uor hearts god bless

jimmy mcmillian of 116 hwy 96 bonaire ga 31005 - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

R3

“ Brother Matt was a great guy and will be sorely missed. The display of love at the funeral, trip to the cemetary, and graveside were a testimony to the life he lived. It was an honor to do Matt's service and I'll never forget him. May God be with all of his family and friends in the days to come. This young man was really special. I'll see you again one day Bro. Matt With all my love, Pastor Todd Shearin

Rev. Todd Shearin of 1002 chattahochee dr Bonaire GA 31005 - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

J3

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of great sorrow. I consider it an honor to have been able to flag Matt's last race. He will be missed by the middle Georgia racing family.

Jason Dykes Flagman 441 Speedway of 110 Jim Wimberly Rd. Cochran GA 31014 - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

J3

“ I met matt through my step father ricky evans and my step brother rick....i alson knew his cousin teresa...i love the family dearly and im prayin for all of ya'll :( :(

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**Jessica Lane of 133 oak valley dr macon ga 31216** - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

J3

“ I cannot believe I am signing your guest book. This is definitely a goodbye too soon. Life is short enough as it is, and at only 28, yours ended before you even got started good. I am sure everybody has had their moments with you that they can remember. I will never forget Saturday night in Dublin when you were telling us that you ran 3rd in your heat race. You had that big ol smile on your face. We knew life could not get any better than that for you. Jeff can remember when you brought your race car to him to work on, that your seat was screwed to the frame with sheet metal screws. He made you redo it the correct way so that it would be safe. To Rachel, you were her brother (she claims everybody she loves as one of her family members of some sort). Every time she saw you, she ran and grabbed you liked she had not seen you in years. To Lacy, you were Big Sexy, just as care free and youthful as she is. You were, without a doubt, one of a kind, and without a doubt, irreplaceable. You definitely left a mark on the hearts that knew you and you will never be forgotten. Just about every race track story that is told, your name is mentioned. Until we meet again.....

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**Jeff, April, Lacy, and Rachel Norrell of 1011 Wells Park Dr. Macon GA 31211** - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ i wasnt as fortunate as some to know you but i seen you around and heard you was a great guy, have fun racin the track in the sky buddy!! rip matt!!

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**Wesley Brown** - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

C3

“ I remember Matt as a little boy riding his bike in the cul-de-sac beside his grandparent's home. I watched him grow up and was blessed to be his first grade teacher. He was a playmate to my three daughters, Stacy, Teri and Jessica, during their early childhood years. My prayers are with his family and close friends.

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**Cathy Godbee Morgan of 302 Hillridge Cove Lizella GA 31052** - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ I am sorry for your loss. I have know Matt for many years and he was always a pleasure to have around. Matt was always smiling and enjoying life. God Bless you all and he will take care of Matt.

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**Tommy Pruitt** - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

D3

“ You are in my prayers

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**debbie of 162 parker dr macon ga 31217** - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

D3

“ To all his family, and friends. I didn't personally know Matt but from reading all the memories he made for you guys he must have been a great guy. he loved racing, and was dang good at it. God has Matt wrapped in his arms,no hurt, no pain. May God bless you all, and ease the pain you're feeling in your hearts til you see Matt again..

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**Donnie Rowland of po box 722 hazlehurst ga 31539** - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ It is hard to say goodbye to such a good friend. Thanks for all the good times. Christian and I will never forget you. I have bottled up, unknowingly what would be, the last moments we had -- Saturday night at the Pilot Station, you were standing there propped up on the race car trailer drinking a Yoo-Hoo and eating a candy bar, you were on the phone and you had that grin (that up to no good grin) on your face. Saturday nights will never be the same without Big Z. You will be missed.

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**Fred and Christian Ryals** - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Judy, my heart goes out to you. We have been freinds for over 30 years and i cant begin to know how you feel. I didnt know Matt as a young man, but i did as a child. As i see all the love so many people had for him and the way they talk of what a great person he was just makes my heart bubble over with love for him. Judy just know to love you as a sis was to love him .He will be missed by so many. GOD knew what he was doing when he took another angel and that was MATT. I love you girl. Always Vickie

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**Vickie Carter** - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

W3

“ u will be missed

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**wade bruce of marshallmill rd. byron ga 31008** - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

S3

“ Judy and Neal, We are so sorry to hear the lost of Matt. We will always remember the clark field days. He was such a sweet person and he will be truely missed. you are in all our prayers.

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**Skinner Family of 149 Turnerwoods rd Gray Ga 31032** - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

B3

“ Judy my thought and prayers are with you, Matt always was such a polite caring young man, I will remember him for his short time at walmart, Miss Barbara he would say let me pick that up for you, He was a Gentle Giant. May God bless you. You are in our prayers. Barbara @ Mac.

Barbara Mcknight of 2275 Gray H/W aptC4 Macon GA 31211 - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

D3

“ Judy, You are in my prayers.

Donna Carroll of 8016 Skyler Ct Lizella GA 31052 - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

J3

“ I am going to miss you matt and I remeber me and you had a good time at culb and going racing back need love you matt

Janine Lynn Elliott of 115tomchapmanbvdapt1104 warnerrobins ga 31088 - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

S3

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as part of his racing family. He will be missed by you everyday and by us on Saturday nights.

Steve Jenson of 633 thompson mill rd bonaire GA 31005 - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I have only heard good things about Matt. You are truly missed and loved. I pray your family will find peace in the Lord during this very difficult time.

Gloria Harris - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Matt will be missed by so many. You don't ever realize the kind of impact a person makes on your life until they are gone... Matt was truly an angel from God! He had a heart of gold. In the racing world we may compete, cut down & complain but in all seriousness... we are family and Matt was truly loved everyone! He rooted for Cory while he was sick and was there to be in our picture for Cory's 1st win. When he ever knew some was in need... he was the first to show up and try to help. We will never forget you Big Z and we are all so blessed to have known you. I know you are in Victory Lane dancing with Jesus now... the race goes on with you, keep helping us when you can sweetie! RIP... Love & Miss Ya Matt ;)

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**Dawn Compton** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I am sorry for your lose, Matt was a wonderful person an will be miss dearly. It won't be the same at the race track not seeing Matt walking down pits smiling stopping to talk to everyone he knew. It was a great honor to know him. He will be truly missed.

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**Mark Baker** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

A3

“ Sending my condolences to the family of Matt Wood aka Big Z! As many of you know Matt was a very special person-- he was always so friendly and considerate. He had the best personality-- which allowed him to never meet a stranger. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it...that was just Big Z, caring, always smiling from ear to ear, ready to race-- full throttle:) I am praying for your strength during this difficult time of need. I miss and love you Big Z! See you soon Buddy! #49 in victory lane with Jesus!:)

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**Ashton Ethridge of 3161 millerfield rd Macon GA 31211** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

C7

“ i don't even know where to start with matt, he was...truly an amazing guy. yeah he was aggravating at times, with all his flirting and stuff(: thinking back on the memories i shared with him always puts a smile on my face, just as he always did, especially when i was in a bad mood. it's not gone be the same around jones county anymore without his happy self. it just broke my heart when i heard what had happened. he was so young. it makes me so sad to think that he's actually gone. he helped me through alot while i was growing up. more than he'll ever know. matt...shrek(: i love you and i will miss you every single day of the rest of my life!. you were an inspiration to me. may you be blessed by God up there in heaven. i'll meet you up there one day in victory lane(: i love you matt!.

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**Chevy Turner of 7800 Youree drive shreveport la 71105** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

D3

“ My prayers are with each of you, family and friends. I was Matt's neighbor. Sure won't be the same around here. He Only Took My Hand One day while you remember me My voice you will hear You will look around But I will not appear I will say: Hi , you've got to listen, You got to understand I didn't leave you... I am just inside you... When I called out in pain that day, The moment that I died, God reached down and took my hand, And pulled me to His side. He pulled me up and saved me From the misery and pain. My body was hurt so badly, I could never be the same. My search is really over now, I've found happiness within, All the answers to my empty dreams And all that might have been. I love you and miss you so dearly, And I'll always be nearby. My body's gone forever, But my spirit and love will never die. And so, you must go on now, And live, and understand.. . God did not take me from you, He only took my hand. And I will be here always for you Waiting and loving you..

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**Donna Sue Reynolds of 112 Debbie Dr Macon GA 31217** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

M3

“ My thoughts and prayers and love are with you aunt Judy and uncle Neal. I love you guys. Matt was a great person and will be missed greatly.

Michelle Slaton of 133 Sussex dr. Warner Robins Ga 31088 - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

E3

“ Matt you are in a better place now and as for your family i will keep them in my prayers... You will be missed dearly!!!

Erika Gay of 3454 Joycliff rd. Macon GA. 31211 - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to your family in this time of mourning. Our prayers are with your family.

Sadler Family - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

J3

“ Matt had one of the biggest hearts I knew always willing to lend a helping hand there was not any thing Matt couldn't do he help me more than he knew on my race car and I will truly miss u matt can't wait till I see u again In that race track in the sky

Jason Bowen of 128 castle pine dr Bonaire Ga 31005 - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

M3

“ *Matt was the kindest, sweetest young man i have ever met. He will be truly missed by everyone who new him. What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you passed, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget.*

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**Maggie Gibson of 155 bone creek rd. macon GA 31211** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

M3

“ *What a wonderful young man Matt was, he will be missed by my family very much. Keep racin in the sky Matt!*

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**Marcelle williamson of 104 anthony ave. warner robins ga 31093** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Matt, I can't believe that your gone.. You were a great friend and you were always there when I needed you.. I will miss you and love you.. R.I.P Tiny*

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**Jessica Ploof ( Repella)** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

J3

“ *Our Thoughts and prayers go out to the Family and loveing Friends. Matt Was a Good person with a big heart.*

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**J.J. Lynn and Corey Wilkerson of 253 Luke Smith Rd Macon GA 31211** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

R3

“ Sending thoughts and prayers from our family to yours. This was a devastating loss for anyone who was lucky enough to know Matt! RIP BigZ You may have gone home but your memory will live in our hearts FOREVER!

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**Richie and Amy Griffin of 3857 Terry Drive Macon GA 31217** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

T3

“ I am sorry for your loss. Big Matt will be terribly missed. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.

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**Tommy Fountain of 5491 Crescent Rd Dry Branch ga 31020** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

B3

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this hard time. Matt was a good hearted person and will dearly missed by all that knew hime.

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**Beth Stansell of 6660 Vonreg Drive Macon GA 31216** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

J3

“ May God, our refuge and strength, help you through your sorrow and in His mercy grant you peace and understanding that brings comfort to you and your family at this time of sorrow.

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**Jackie & Judy DeFore of 333 Wilville Rd Fort Valley GA 31030** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

J3

“ What can i say there are so many funny things over the many years of racing. We have lost a great friend. Thank you BIG Z for allowing me to be part of your life. I will never forget you. Love and miss you.

JT Tollison of 270 Mt pleasant church rd gordon ga 31031 - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

R3

“ iam matthew wood girlfriend, we have fun together we live together we going to get merry and have a baby together, but we not together now we just good friend. i did the man with all my hreat i wish did not happend this way, i will miss him

rachel peavy of 109 e bluebranch rd eatonton ga 31204 - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

C3

“ Matt my other child, oh I will miss you terribly. You were like another son to me, always there for me, no matter what. I'm so glad i had last weekend with you and Wesley, my two boys. I'll always love and remember you, all 4 of my grandchildren will. they love their uncle Matt....RIP

Catherime Marsh Moss of 387 BROAD ST. 401 HAWKINSVILLE GA 31036C - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ You will be missed by many but never forgotten... your family is in my thoughts and prayers.. Love dum dum (name given to me by matt and fred ryals)

kandace rich - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Matt was a good man and will be greatly missed. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God lay his hands on all of you and help to ease your pain. May God bless you all during this time of sorrow.

John, Jean, and John-Michael Rhodes - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

T3

“ Matt, the TOWTRUCK OPPENATOR as Matt would quote... If you knew him you always seen a his smile. Matt was everyones freind and never met a stranger. We will allways miss ya at ackerman's you allway's brought the laughs with you.

Tony Nelson of 900 11th street Macon Ga 31201 - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

A3

“ I am Mike Lewis' daughter, the previous pastor of Thomason Rd Baptist Church. I'm so sorry to hear about Matt. You will all continue to be in my prayers and thoughts. May God hold you and comfort you during this very difficult time. The wonders of His loving hands far surpass all that we can possibly fathom. Isaiah 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Amy Lewis Ryals of 550 Hicks Rd Roberta Ga 31078 - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

D3

“ we will miss u dearly, you were a friend to anyone and always made everyone smile, u will always have a special place in our hearts. we love you.

dedie johnson & skyler clance of 300 oakvalley dr macon ga 31217 - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

M3

“ Our prayers and thoughts will be with Matt's family during this time. He will be truly missed by all his race family. Matt Towns (37 Racing) Eugene Towns, Annette Towns & Marlee Towns (37JR Racing)

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**MATT TOWNS of 205 Oak Street Eastman Ga. 31023** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

A3

“ Matt you will be missed so much and my heart goes out to your mom. Your smile will be missed. God speed now sweetie. Love ya

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**Amydee Freeman of 224 Largo Drive Macon Ga 31217** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

K3

“ I did not know Tiny but I did want his family to know from one racing family to other that we are praying for you all. God bless!

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**Kyle Bridges of 1975 SUMNER RD MOULTRIE GA 31768** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

B3

“ Matt, we will miss you. You were the kindest person i have ever met and i will never forget you. I have never met a happier person ever. You always had a smile on your face and you always put a smile on everyones face and touched the heart of everyone you came in contact with. I love you so much, this isnt goodbye just a ill see ya later!!!

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**Brittany M Vaughn of 155 Bone Creek Rd Macon GA 31211** - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

R3

“ Matt you will be deeply missed by us. You and Wesley were like too peas in a pot. But god had bigger plans for you and you r with him now. To MATTS family and friends he was a great man, and now he is our angel from heaven. May the lord be with the family in there time in need. my god bless yaw. **LOVES ALWAYS RAYDA AND HAROLD.**

Rayda and Harold of 2180 allen rd macon ga 31216 - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

R3

“ we was lover and we did live together at one time, we where was good friends i will miss him when he gone we where the same age. i love him with all my heart.

rachel peavy of 109 e bluebranch rd eatonton ga 31204 - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

R3

“ Our prayers are with the family for the loss of this young man. Judy, we are especially praying for you and may God bless you. **Ralph & Joann Gattie**

Ralph & Joann Gattie of 390 Stonewall Dr. Macon Ga. 31211 - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

J3

“ Judy - Just spoke with Mom and heard about what happened. Sorry to hear the news. We will be prayng for you. May the Lord comfort you in the days head.

Janet Collins Svendsen of 3026 Creole Way Pensacola FL 32526 - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

A3

“ I am deeply sorry for the loss of big matt... he will be missed greatly by all of jones co and the rest of the community.. He was a great man.. Rip Matt

Ashley Davis of 301 wells park dr macon ga 31211 - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

L3

“ You Will Be Greatly Missed Matt... Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With The Family and Friends... Nanny Is With You

Lynn Davis of 301 Wells Park Dr Macon Ga 31211 - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ May God bless you, Tiny. May God watch over and keep the family and friends while they struggle in this sudden loss of their son, brother, nephew, grandson, and friend. May God bless you all!

Triste Walker - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

M3

“ We are sorry for your loss. We will miss him at 49 wrecker storage lot. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Margie & Randall Pless of 811 South Pecan Street Sandersville Ga 31082 - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

K3

“ We will miss Matt. You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts during this time of mourning.

Karen Durden & Lindsey Howell of 816 South Pecan Street Sandesville Ga 31082E - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

T3

“ I am sorry for the loss of your son, Matt. He was a very special friend of my nephew (Ricky Evans II) and my brother (Ricky Evans). I met Matt once and he seemed to have such a fun and loving personality. I pray the the Lord gives all of you strenght to go through this very difficult time. My He wrap his loving arms around each of you and comfort you as only He can.

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**Teresa Evans Wilkinson of PO Box 18 Haddock Ga 31033** - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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**Hal Cartee - 441 Speedway** - January 01, 1900 at 12:00 AM

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“ 10/26/2010

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**Buddy & Miranda Kight-441 Speedway** - January 01, 1900 at 12:00 AM