

William Matthews Dies; Rites Today

EASTLAND (RNS) — William J. (Joe) Matthews, 73, died Sunday morning in Eastland Memorial Hospital. He had been ill for two years and in the hospital two days.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Arrington-Hamner Funeral Chapel, the Rev. H.G. Barnard, pastor of Harmony Baptist Church in the Morton Valley community, officiating. Burial will be in the Corinth Cemetery.

Born Feb. 20, 1895, in Woodford, he had been a resident of Morton Valley, where he farmed, for 34 years. He was a veteran of World War I. He was married to Alma Hart Jan. 14, 1923, in Ranger. He was a member of Harmony Baptist Church, where he served as deacon. One son preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Gerald of Fort Worth; one sister, Odie Matthews of Eastland; one brother, L. J. of Hereford; 3 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.