



## 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



“ 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!!!*imported-begin* Allen & Leah Rowland*imported-end*”

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March 24, 2012 at 11:04 PM



“ we love you and miss you*imported-begin* samantha bass*imported-end*”

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November 18, 2010 at 10:27 PM



“ 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.*imported-begin* Pam Brown*imported-end*”

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October 29, 2010 at 07:42 PM



“ It's like he was a part of my family and we had a lot of stories told. Matt done his victory lane and is going to do much more in heaven!!!!*imported-begin* Madison Hayes*imported-end*”

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October 28, 2010 at 03:07 PM



“ 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###imported-begin##Shane, Leigh Ann ,Maegan and Madison Hayes###imported-end##

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October 28, 2010 at 11:45 AM



“ 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.###imported-begin##Jason Dykes Flagman 441 Speedway###imported-end##

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October 27, 2010 at 10:04 PM



“ 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###imported-begin##Rev. Todd Shearin###imported-end##

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October 27, 2010 at 08:36 PM



“ 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###imported-begin##jimmy mcmillian###imported-end##

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October 27, 2010 at 04:36 PM



“ Will be thinking of you during this time of your loss. We are very sorry. B###imported-begin##Cliff and Heather Warren##imported-end##

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October 27, 2010 at 04:00 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Will be praying for you all.##imported-begin##Leo and Essie Flair##imported-end##

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October 27, 2010 at 03:58 PM



“ Gone but not forgotten, my Friend!##imported-begin##Jerry Canfield##imported-end##

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October 27, 2010 at 12:55 PM



“ Judy, you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##David and Sheila Willis##imported-end##

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October 27, 2010 at 11:28 AM



“ my deepest sympathy goes out to the family. mat will be miss on saturday night and as always.##imported-begin##tony pettis##imported-end##

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October 27, 2010 at 07:38 AM



“ 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 & <3 ya!##imported-begin##Somerset Etheredge##imported-end##

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October 27, 2010 at 01:13 AM



“ We didn't know you personally, only from the track but our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Backyard Racing##imported-end##

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October 27, 2010 at 12:16 AM



“ 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.##imported-begin##Gloria Harris##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 11:45 PM



“ ##imported-begin##Buddy & Miranda Kight-441 Speedway##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 11:39 PM



“ 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.##imported-begin##Steve Jenson##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 09:47 PM



“ 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##imported-begin##Janine lynn Elliott##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 04:56 PM



“ Judy,

You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Donna Carroll##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 03:04 PM



“ 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.##imported-begin##Barbara Mcknight##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 02:02 PM



“ 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.##imported-begin##Skinner Family##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 01:23 PM



“ u will be missed##imported-begin##wade bruce##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 01:23 PM



“ 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###imported-begin###Vickie Carter###imported-end###

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October 26, 2010 at 12:53 PM



“ 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.###imported-begin###Fred and Christian Ryals###imported-end###

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October 26, 2010 at 12:37 PM



“ 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..###imported-begin###Donnie Rowland###imported-end###

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October 26, 2010 at 10:08 AM



“ You are in my prayers##imported-begin##debbie##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 09:18 AM



“ 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.##imported-begin##Tommy Pruitt##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 08:48 AM



“ 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.##imported-begin##Cathy Godbee Morgan##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 08:19 AM



“ 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!!##imported-begin##Wesley Brown##imported-end##

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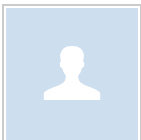
October 26, 2010 at 01:06 AM



“ 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.....##imported-begin##Jeff, April, Lacy, and Rachel Norrell##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 12:22 AM



“ 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 :(##imported-begin##Jessica Lane##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 12:13 AM



“ 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###imported-begin##Ralph & Joann Gattie###imported-end##*

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October 25, 2010 at 11:14 PM



“ 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.###imported-begin##rachel peavy###imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 10:41 PM



“ 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.###imported-begin##Rayda and Harold###imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 10:21 PM



“ 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!!!###imported-begin##Brittany M Vaughn###imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 09:04 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to your family in this time of mourning. Our prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Darsey Race Team##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 08:52 PM



“ 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!##imported-begin##Kyle Bridges##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 08:33 PM



“ 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##imported-begin##Amydee Freeman##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 06:36 PM



“ 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)##imported-begin##MATT TOWNS##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 03:46 PM



“ 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.##imported-begin##dedie johnson & skyler clance##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 03:44 PM



“ we wil miss u dearly matt u r loved more than u will ever know and they will never be another like u. skyler and i will miss the joy u brought into our lives. u will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##dedie johnson##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 03:32 PM



“ 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.##imported-begin##Amy Lewis Ryals##imported-end##*

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October 25, 2010 at 02:34 PM



“ ##imported-begin##Michelle Johnson##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 02:32 PM



“ Matt, the TOWTRUCK OPP"ENATOR as Matt would quote... If you knew him you allways 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.##imported-begin##Tony Nelson##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 02:06 PM



“ 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.##imported-begin##John, Jean, and John-Michael Rhodes##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 12:36 PM



“ 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)##imported-begin##kandace rich##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 12:35 PM



“ 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##imported-begin##Catherime Marsh Moss##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 12:15 PM



“ 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##imported-begin##rachel peavy##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 12:05 PM



“ *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.* *##imported-begin##JT Tollison##imported-end##*

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October 25, 2010 at 11:29 AM



“ *##imported-begin##Hal Cartee - 441 Speedway##imported-end##*

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October 25, 2010 at 10:57 AM



“ *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.* *##imported-begin##Jackie & Judy DeFore##imported-end##*

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October 25, 2010 at 10:20 AM



“ *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.* *##imported-begin##Beth Stansell##imported-end##*

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October 25, 2010 at 10:16 AM



“ *I am sorry for your loss. Big Matt will be terribly missed. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.* *##imported-begin##Tommy Fountain##imported-end##*

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October 25, 2010 at 09:35 AM



“ 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!##imported-begin##Richie and Amy Griffin##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 09:12 AM



“ Our Thoughts and prayers go out to the Family and loveing Friends. Matt Was a Good person with a big heart.##imported-begin##J.J. Lynn and Corey Wilkerson##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 08:42 AM



“ 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##imported-begin##Jessica Ploof ( Repella)##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 08:41 AM



“ What a wonderful young man Matt was, he will be missed by my family very much. Keep racin in the sky Matt!##imported-begin##Marcelle williamson##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 07:57 AM



“ 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.##imported-begin##Maggie Gibson##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 07:44 AM



“ 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##imported-begin##Jason Bowen##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 07:42 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to your family in this time of mourning. Our prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Sadler Family##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 07:12 AM



“ 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!!!##imported-begin##Erika Gay##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 06:55 AM



“ *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.##imported-begin##Michelle Slaton##imported-end##*

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October 25, 2010 at 03:09 AM



“ *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...##imported-begin##Donna Sue  
Reynolds##imported-end##*

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October 25, 2010 at 02:42 AM



*“ 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!...##imported-begin##Chevy Turner##imported-end##*

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October 25, 2010 at 01:55 AM



“ 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!:)###imported-begin##Ashton Ethridge##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 01:44 AM



“ 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.###imported-begin##Mark Baker##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 12:33 AM



“ 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 and 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 ;):)###imported-begin##Dawn Compton##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 12:07 AM



“ 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.##imported-begin##Teresa Evans Wilkinson##imported-end##

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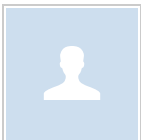
October 24, 2010 at 11:22 PM



“ We will miss Matt. You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts during this time of mourning.##imported-begin##Karen Durden & Lindsey Howell##imported-end##

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October 24, 2010 at 08:42 PM



“ 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.##imported-begin##Margie & Randall Pless##imported-end##

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October 24, 2010 at 08:40 PM



“ 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!##imported-begin##Triste Walker##imported-end##

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October 24, 2010 at 08:40 PM



“ You Will Be Greatly Missed Matt... Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With The Family and Friends... Nanny Is With You###imported-begin##Lynn Davis##imported-end##

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October 24, 2010 at 08:21 PM



“ 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###imported-begin##Ashley Davis##imported-end##

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October 24, 2010 at 08:08 PM



“ 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.###imported-begin##Janet Collins Svendsen##imported-end##

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October 24, 2010 at 03:50 PM