



## Jack Mathis

September 12, 1936 - April 9, 2011

Jack Mathis, 74 of Ardmore, Alabama died on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at his home. Born Saturday, September 12, 1936 in Jasper, Alabama, he was the son of the late Daniel Jackson Mathis, Sr. and the late Eliza Jane Ellis Mathis. He was the husband of the late Helen Shannon Mathis. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife: Helen Edna Shannon Mathis, and a sister: Joyce Sweeney. He was a U S Army Veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Ardmore. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World, and the Arbor Day Foundation. He loved to work in the community and was a former member of the library board and a former councilman. He was a wonderful brother and family man. Surviving are son, Jeff Wilburn of Ardmore, AL, brother, Jim Mathis of Ardmore, AL, sisters, Betty Mathis of Nashville, TN, Reba Durbin of Saint Petersburg, FL and Helen Snow of Jasper, AL; grandsons: Joey Wilburn, Quentin Wilburn and Adam Wilburn, four great-grandchildren: Starr Wilburn, Emily Wilburn, Lucas Wilburn, and Xander Morrow, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home Ardmore, Alabama with Bro. Lynn Marshall and Bro. Sammy Brister officiating. Burial will be in Gatlin Cemetery, Ardmore, AL. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, April 11, 2011, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Mathis*

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**Funeral Home Owner** - June 30, 2011 at 01:16 PM

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Relation: daughters' cousin

From: When tomorrow...

*Tribute: When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, So much left yet to do, It almost seemed impossible That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be, For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through Heavens Gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity, And all I've promised you. Today your life on earth is past, But here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day's the same way There's no longing for the past. You have been*

*so faithful, So trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things You knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand And share my life with me?" So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.*

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**Janice M. Finley** - April 27, 2011 at 11:15 PM

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“ When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, So much left yet to do, It almost seemed impossible That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be, For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through Heavens Gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity, And all I've promised you. Today your life on earth is past, But here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day's the same way There's no longing for the past. You have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things You knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand And share my life with me?" So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

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Janice M. Finley - April 24, 2011 at 08:45 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Jack's family, especially his son Jeff and the grandchildren. Jack's presence will be missed by the entire community. May he rest in peace.*

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**Loretta Merrell Ekis** - April 11, 2011 at 02:28 PM