




## Ricky Lane "Matt" Matthews


August 8, 1956 - April 30, 2014


A Celebration of Life for Ricky Lane "Matt" Matthews, 57 of Rockdale will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 3, 2014 in the Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale with Pastor Jack Chelf officiating. Cremation will follow. Visitation for Matt will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 2, 2014 at the funeral home. Ricky was born August 8, 1956 in Cameron to Manuel and Edna "Teeny" (Hardwick) Matthews. He was the youngest of three children. Ricky started playing guitar at the age of 11. He loved music, having played in bands and he also taught guitar lessons. His love for music was second only to his family and he always had a big smile when talking about both. He also enjoyed working in the jobs he had. Ricky married Linda Tovar (and her two beautiful daughters) on April 17, 2000 in Rockdale. He was a member of First Baptist Church and also played in the church band, "Live Out Loud". Ricky had battled his cancer with great determination. He wanted to play one last time with two music groups and make a recording of one of the songs he had written. He was able to record that song with the help of Scott Fischer on Tuesday before he passed away Wednesday afternoon, April 30, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Teeny Matthews and his brother, David K. Matthews. Surviving are his loving wife, Mary Linda Matthews of Rockdale; Two daughters, Terry Garza and Ben Rodriguez of Rockdale and Emily Garza and Julian Gonzalez of Rockdale; Four grandchildren, Hannah Nicole Rodriguez, Harper Brielle Rodriguez, Jayla Rose Gonzalez and Jaxon Anthony Gonzalez; His sister, Donna Abbott and


husband J.P. of Belton.


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