



## Dr. William C. "Bill" Everett

October 23, 1932 - September 2, 2019

Funeral services for Dr. William C. "Bill" Everett, 86, of Carthage, Texas will be 1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Central Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Orr and Rev. Monty Pierce officiating. Burial will follow in the Odd Fellows Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Friday night at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Dr. William Clarence "Bill" Everett was born October 23, 1932 in Texarkana, Texas. He passed this life peacefully at his Carthage home September 2, 2019. Bill was born the youngest of three children to the marriage of Gaynell Wicker and William Clarence Everett, Sr. He was raised and schooled in Texarkana graduating with the Texas High School class of 1951. Bill was a graduate of East Texas Baptist University with the class of 1957. There Bill would meet his lifelong love partner Anita June Scott, they married June 19, 1954 and celebrated 62 years of marriage before she preceded him in death in 2016. He holds a Doctor of Divinity degree from East Texas Baptist University and two degrees from Southwestern Theological Seminary where he did his post-graduate studies.

Together Bill and Anita raised two children in a loving Christian home while Bill continued to grow his pastoral ministry through First Baptist Church in Longview, Fielder Road Baptist Church in Arlington, Central Baptist Church in Carthage, and student pastorates in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. Dr. Everett was named Pastor Emeritus of Fielder Road Baptist upon his retirement after serving for 21 years. During his ministry the church grew from 500 members to more than 7,000. While he was pastor, the church completed over 15 million dollars in building projects including several educational buildings, an Early Childhood Center, a new Worship Center, and a Family Life Center.

Dr. Everett held many responsible positions in various organizations of Baptist life. He served on executive boards and committees in associations, State and National levels. He served for over twenty years in the Board of Trustees of East Texas Baptist University, from which he and his wife are graduates. Though greatly successful and accomplished in the Lord's work, his warm and compassionate nature made us all feel like we were his best friend.

Dr. Everett is also preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Wendell Haynes Everett, and a sister, Doris Pecot. He is survived by his children, son, James Ross "Jay"

Everett and wife Beth, daughter, Laurie G. Everett Lindloff and husband Andy; grandchildren, Julianna Lindloff, Amy Elizabeth Everett and Ross Everett, special friends like family, Dennis and Pat Jordon, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of church congregations and friends.

An online guestbook may be signed at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery

---

# Events

---

**Odd Fellows  
Cemtery**

Carthage, TX,

**SEP Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM**

**6**

---

Hawthorn Funeral Home

307 West Wellington Street P.O. Box 188, Carthage, TX, US,  
75633

**SEP Service 01:00PM**

**7**

---

Central Baptist Church

220 W. Sabine, Carthage, TX, US

# Comments

---



“ I always admired Bill when we served on the College Trustees Board at etbc/etbu. Will be praying for the family. Rev. Bob Braly

**REV. BOB BRALY** - September 13, 2019 at 07:59 PM

---



“ He will be missed by all the people that knew him. I am saddened to hear the news of his passing. Dr. Everett was a one kind of Pastor and minister. I will miss him as a friend and pastor. He was a cornerstone of Fielder Road Baptist Church for all the years he served there. Rest in Peace Dr. Everett.

**Rodney Williams** - September 10, 2019 at 11:55 PM

---



“ Our deepest sympathy to family and friends from old classmates Dr&mrs Richard Leech Texas High class 1951

**Richard&April Leech** - September 08, 2019 at 03:50 PM

---



“ I am now 57 years old. Then was 7 years old Thru age 18 approximately. God planted seed of salvation he baptized me and blessed my life with his teachings. I still hear his voice today at various times. Ooh i love him. Thank you Jesus so very much for blessing me and my family with such a spectacular man of God. Love to Jay and all the family. So loved by Kimberlee Moss Thomas

**Kimber Thomas** - September 08, 2019 at 01:56 PM

---



“ I met Bill at a preaching seminar in seminary at Southwestern. He was so friendly and present wonderful sermons for the class. Dr. Gordon Clinard, my major preaching professor, said that Dr. Everett would go far. He saw the giftedness in Bill. Bill asked me to sub for him one Sunday at his church in Dallas and I gladly did. Like he loving giving nature, he made us stay at his home there so we would not have to drive back to Ft. Worth and then return for the evening service. We loved it. And we admire and respect Bill so much. George and Millie Dixon,  
residents at Brookdale Assisted Living, NRH, Ft. Worth, Tx.

**George W. Dixon** - September 07, 2019 at 11:41 PM

---



“ Thank you George and Millie for the sweet memory! We loved your flowers too!

**Laurie** - September 08, 2019 at 12:51 PM

---



“ Dr. Everett was a huge asset to our community. We have Mission Carthage because of his vision for helping to make Carthage a giving community! He will be missed by all of us tremendously!  
Jeretta Thompson

**Jeretta Thompson** - September 07, 2019 at 01:08 PM

---



“ Dr Everett meant so much to our family when he was pastor at Fielder Road Baptist Church in Arlington. Even though there were eventually 7,000 members, he would greet you by name and knew your children's names too. I have kept his sermon notes on "How to Pray" in my Bible all these years. Jay and Laurie were so fortunate to have great parents and the photos in his life tribute show how proud he was of them and his grandchildren.  
Janet and Jerry Ward

**Janet and Jerry Ward** - September 07, 2019 at 10:42 AM

---



“ 56 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - September 06, 2019 at 04:01 PM

---



“ We are sorry for the loss but share in the joy of heaven as Bill Everett is received by his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He and Anita will be together again along with many friends who have gone ahead of him. We send our love to Jay and Laurie.

Love, Joe Pat and Marquita McHaney

Joe McHaney - September 06, 2019 at 03:02 PM

---



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. William C. "Bill" Everett.



September 06, 2019 at 01:08 PM

---



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. William C. "Bill" Everett.



September 06, 2019 at 12:49 PM

---



“ My family was blessed by Dr. Everett's ministry at Fielder Road Baptist Church, Arlington. What a wonderful "teaching preacher" and encourager of young pastors. He proclaimed God's Word faithfully, rejoiced with us in good times and supported us during tough ones.

**The Dick Yantis family** - September 06, 2019 at 12:16 PM

---



“ Dr. Everett's fantastic memory carried him far because he never forgot a name once he met a person. He always recalled mates, siblings, and parents. He was preaching from the book of Revelation when he was called from FBC-L, and I always wished he could have finished that series. He and Anita hold special places in our hearts. Nell Collins

**Nell Collins** - September 06, 2019 at 10:43 AM

---



“ Oh what a sweet spirit Dr. Everett loved us with whether we were in the pew at First Baptist Longview or visiting him in the hospital in Carthage! Thank you for sharing Christ with us!

**Rick & Pat Erwin** - September 06, 2019 at 10:29 AM

---



“ Office of the President at Southwestern Seminary purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. William C. "Bill" Everett.



**Office of the President at Southwestern Seminary** - September 06, 2019 at 09:16 AM

---



“ Dr Everett was a wonderful pastor and friend. He never failed to call so many of us on our birthday. He loved to talk about the Texas Rangers good or bad. He was instrumental in starting Mission Carthage. I know the Angels were celebrating as he entered heavens gate and Anita was there to greet him. We loved you Dr Everett thanks for all you did for our family.

Lana Overton - September 05, 2019 at 11:24 PM



“ Thank you Lana, he loved you and Fred very much!!

Laurie - September 12, 2019 at 11:31 AM

---



“ He was our pastor at Fielder Rd Baptist Church while we were in school preparing for the ministry. He always had worlds of encouragement for us and wise council. Loved him and his smile. Heaven has open the doors again for one of the great ones.

James & Jimmie Walker  
Watchman Fellowship, Inc

Jimmie Walker - September 05, 2019 at 09:23 PM



“ Thank you Jimmie!

Laurie - September 12, 2019 at 11:34 AM

---



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. William C. "Bill" Everett.



September 05, 2019 at 07:09 PM

---



“ Dr. Everett was a precious part of our lives at Fielder Road Baptist Church in Arlington. He gave us all strength and hope and encouragement at a tough time in our lives, and the sweet things he said as he baptized my son I will always remember. We will never forget you. Love.

joyce. a. martin - September 05, 2019 at 02:16 PM



“ Thank you Joyce so much!!

Laurie - September 12, 2019 at 11:35 AM

---



“ One I will always call "my pastor". I learned so very much from his teachings. Never wanted to miss a chance to listen to him preach/teach. Wonderful sense of humor and what a gift to remember everyone's name along with a little something about them or their family. Jay and Laurie, you have a host of supporters who loved you and your mom and dad. We missed him when he moved to Carthage and visited when we could, but miss him even more today and in the days to come. Heaven is a little brighter today as he joined his love, Anita, there.

Melba and Jim Reeves - September 05, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ Thank you Melba & Jim!

Laurie - September 12, 2019 at 11:35 AM

---



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. William C. "Bill" Everett.



September 05, 2019 at 11:24 AM

---



“ Bill Everett was an outstanding example of "living for Christ" and one of the most talented pastors that I have ever known. He truly loved the people that he served Our prayers are with the family in this difficult time May God give comfort to Jay and Laurie in the days to come.

Patrick and "holley" Noon  
Longview

Patrick Noon - September 05, 2019 at 10:00 AM



“ Thank you Patrick!

Laurie - September 12, 2019 at 11:34 AM

---



“ What a wonderful man of God and an example to all of us. He was instrumental in the founding of Mission Carthage, which continues to be a great blessing to this community.

Thank you Dr. Everett for all you did for mankind.  
Dr. Arnold Shrewsbury  
Carthage, Texas

Dr. Arnold Shrewsbury - September 04, 2019 at 10:35 PM



“ Thank you Dr. Shrewsbury!

Laurie - September 12, 2019 at 11:37 AM

---



“ HeartsWay Hospice lit a candle in memory of Dr. William C. "Bill" Everett



HeartsWay Hospice - September 04, 2019 at 07:53 PM

---



“ He was one of the best, he had a smile for everyone and an amazing memory for faces and names. A true servant of God, Heaven is richer today because of his work in the ministry and of his homecoming and to be reunited with his sweet wife. A joyous day.  
John Crisp

John Crisp - September 04, 2019 at 06:36 PM



“ Thank you John!  
Laurie - September 12, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ I remember the summer of 1976 when I could not wait to get up to the front of that church (First Baptist Longview). I grabbed Dr. Everett's hand and announced that Jesus changed my life that week. Months later I would describe it as when Jesus turned my life 'right side up!'  
Dr. Everett guided me through those first few months as a changed person, one who was now sold-out to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!  
He will always be my Pastor, Mentor, and sweet, precious Under-Shepherd!  
I still have notes from his sermons, the most memorable being his sermon on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22. These verses, now hidden deep in my soul, are still at the top of my favorites list and by far, the ones I refer to most often as I serve as Industrial Chaplain. Those verses were part of his last sermon at First Baptist, as he was called to return to Feilder Road.  
One day I will see him again and I will tell him again what a mighty difference he made in my life as a young wife and mother. And what a difference he made in our marriage! In my ministry, and in my family!  
Thank you! Thank you, Dr. Everett, for living into the lessons and truths you taught us! I will always be thankful and grateful for you!  
Dear Heavenly Father, please bless him for speaking into my life and into the lives of so many people! Hallelujah! What a Savior we serve!

Dottie Bachtell - September 04, 2019 at 05:23 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. William C. "Bill" Everett.



September 04, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ A wonderful Christ like man. I thank him for help and encouragement every time we meet. My God bless his family..

**Don Ransom** - September 04, 2019 at 12:26 PM

---



“ Lifting his family and friends up in prayer.HeartsWay Hospice

**HeartsWay Hospice** - September 03, 2019 at 06:16 PM