



## Mr. Bill Smith

May 28, 1944 - March 4, 2021

Funeral services for Mr. Bill Smith, 76, of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2021 at the First Baptist Church of Carthage with Dr. Allen Tilley and Rev. Rodney Puryear officiating. Burial will follow in the Odd Fellows Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 1-2:00 p.m. Monday prior to the service.

Mr. William Everett "Bill" Smith was born May 28, 1944 in Haynesville, Louisiana. He passed this life March 4, 2021 in Longview, Texas. Bill was the oldest of three children born to the marriage of William Preston and Mattie Ruth Maddox Smith. He was raised and schooled in Haynesville graduating with the high school class of 1962. He attended N. E. Louisiana College majoring in Pharmacy on a track and cross country scholarship. Bill served his country through the U. S. Air Force as a Pharmacy Tech.

Mr. Smith came to Carthage to run one of the Ben Franklin franchises owned by his family. He worked many years as a Loan Officer for Shelby Panola Savings and Loan, and retired working for Complete Printing and Publishing. Bill was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church of Carthage, active in the choir. He sang with the Calvary Boys for almost 40 years traveling and performing in churches across many states. He was active in the Carthage Noon Lions Club, loved fishing, and in 1987 he qualified and completed the Boston Marathon in the top 1,000. He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Wesley Gates; grandson, Josh Whitten; and his service dog, Belle Starr. Mr. Smith is survived by his loving wife of 27 years , Tommie Ritter Smith of

Carthage; sons, William David Smith and wife April Mae of Stuart, OK, Daryl Deloney and wife Stephanie of Houston; daughters, Lawanda Bridges of Texarkana, AR, Kendra Kay Bates and husband Curt of Atlanta, and Cindy Deloney and fiancé Doug Spradley of Carthage; sisters, Wanda Merritt and husband Randy of Haynesville, LA, and Peggy Holloway and husband Keith of Bossier City, LA; grandchildren, Taylor Ryals, Austin Minson, Zach Spradley, Claire Bates, Alexis Rylas, Abigayle Deloney, Ruby Jo Smith, William Preston Smith II, and service dog Lizzie Jo Smith; numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Odd Fellows Cemtery

Carthage, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Carthage  
256 S Market St.  
Carthage, TX

## Service

MAR 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Carthage  
256 S Market St.  
Carthage, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Bill Smith



Hawthorn Funeral Home - March 07, 2021 at 04:57 PM

CR

*Beautiful... love seeing Bill's happy face with those who brought him so much love* 🧡

Carly Ritter - March 13, 2021 at 06:49 PM

CR

*Beautiful... so nice to see Bill's happy face with those who brought him so much love and lit up his life...* 🧡

Carly Ritter - March 13, 2021 at 06:50 PM

CR

“ Dear Tommie and Cindy and your whole beautiful family... I am utterly heartbroken about Bill's passing and for the hole it leaves in your hearts and in our world. He was the kindest, most wonderful man- full of warmth and humor, the most kind smile and twinkling eyes. I always felt like family with him, even though our times together were few. I feel the same with you all. I adore you all and send all my love and prayers for healing and strength as you grieve. May you feel him with you every day, and know he is in the everlasting arms of Love, Peace, Joy... his gorgeous voice blending with the angels... and Tex's. I wish I'd been able to see you all these past few years. I hope I can see you again soon. All my love, all my prayers, I'll be holding you tenderly in my heart. Forever grateful to know you and the one and only Bill.

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**Carly Ritter** - March 13, 2021 at 06:58 PM

GG

“ Mrs. Tommie and Cindy,  
I am heartbroken for you both, Mr. Bill was a wonderful man that will be missed greatly.  
You and your families are in my continued prayers.



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**Glenda Chambers Grimes** - March 08, 2021 at 09:40 AM

DB

“ we are truly sorry for your loss. Donald & Margaret Bates

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**Donald Bates** - March 07, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill Smith.* ”

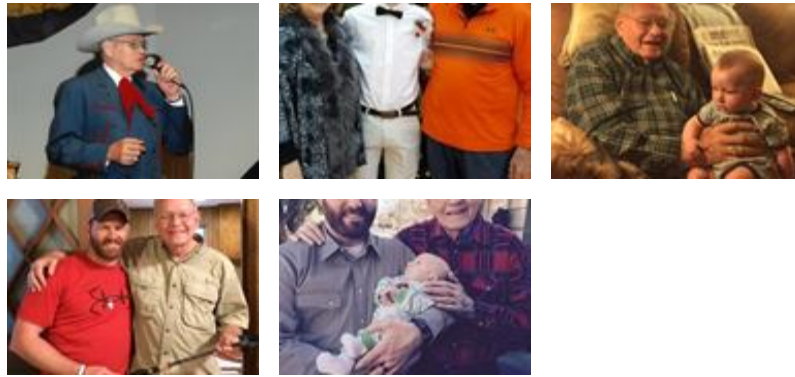


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March 07, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



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**Hawthorn Funeral Home** - March 07, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill Smith.* ”



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March 07, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ *Sheila Ritter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bill Smith*



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**Sheila Ritter** - March 07, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill Smith.*



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March 07, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ *Tommie and family, I send my deepest sympathy to you all. I enjoyed the Calvary Boys music many times and his deep voice will echo in our hearing hearts. May God bless you and the family.*

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**Nancy Alexander** - March 07, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Bill and I used to go running together. He's a good man. My sympathy to his family.*

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**Thad H. Carter** - March 07, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill Smith.*



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March 07, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *Bill and I are first cousins. We grew up playing football in the yard, riding bikes, hunting birds at Millerton and just having a great time when we got time to visit. He was a really smart kid and could run like the wind. I was 3 yrs older so was the designated leader, but he was always pushing us with his big smile and humor. We grew up in a close family who looked forward to our visits and especially the big event, the FISHING TRIP!! Even until now, it is a big event in our family. Bill loved spending time with all the family but especially his own, always talking about how our fathers and grandfathers had left their positive imprint on our lives. That was vey important to Bill, to leave a positive and lasting legacy for his family and yes, Jesus was his SAVIOR. No doubt about that.*

*Sally and I are sorry to see him go, but he lived a wonderful and full life that all can be proud of and now he rests in his Savior's loving arms.*

*RIP cousin Bill. see ya soon. Robbie*

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**robert a smith** - March 07, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ *Kathy Gollmitzer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bill Smith*



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**Kathy Gollmitzer** - March 07, 2021 at 07:34 AM

TL

“ So sorry for your loss. Bill was one of the nicest people I've ever known! He helped me 37yrs. ago, when he was at Shelby-Panola, and I was buying my first house. Told me I would have much more fun, if I got a lakehouse. He was right!

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**Tony Lockridge** - March 07, 2021 at 06:27 AM

SF

“ Im so sorry to hear of the passing of Bill. Heaven has gained another great. Bill will be missed by many. My prayers go out to Tommie and all the family. R.I.P. Bill.

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**SONNY FOSTER** - March 06, 2021 at 06:14 PM

SH

“ Sherry purchased the Loved One Vertical Blanket for the family of Mr. Bill Smith.



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**Sherry** - March 06, 2021 at 03:40 PM

GW

“ Gail Welch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bill Smith



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**Gail Welch** - March 06, 2021 at 03:25 PM

SB

“ I am sitting in my living room in Nashville, TN, listening to one of my favorite CDs, Bill Smith With The Calvary Boys FAITH... BASSED! What a Joy to have Bill with me on this glorious day. He will always be with us through his wonderful recordings, and of course, he will live in our hearts forever.

*Sherry Bond*

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**Sherry Bond** - March 06, 2021 at 03:19 PM

DS

“ My condolences to Tommie, the entire family and friends of Bill. Such a wonderful and talented man. It was always a pleasure to meet Bill anywhere. He was so friendly, kind and gentle.  
*Dr. Arnold Shrewsbury, Pastor  
First FreeWill Baptist Church.*

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**Dr. Arnold Shrewsbury** - March 06, 2021 at 12:44 PM

GS

“ Our deepest sympathy to Tommie and all the family of Bill's. He will forever be remembered in our hearts and minds. A wonderful person who was so blessed with many talents and who used his talents to God's glory. Our love and prayers to all. Larry and Georgia Shepherd

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**Georgia Shepherd** - March 06, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill Smith.



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March 06, 2021 at 11:26 AM

NR

“ *The hearts of the entire Ritter family are with you. We grieve over the loss of your wonderful, kind, fun, loving, talented husband Bill. We send prayers for your peace and healing during these sad days. Love, Nancy, Jason, Carly, and Tyler*

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**Nancy Morgan Ritter** - March 06, 2021 at 11:12 AM

KF

“ *Kirk Wiebold Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Bill Smith.*



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**Kirk Wiebold Family** - March 06, 2021 at 10:46 AM

GH

“ *Heaven has another angel. My love and condolences to the family. I will always have fond memories of Bill. Rest in peace.*

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**Ginger (Harp) Holland** - March 06, 2021 at 10:29 AM

BG

“ *Me and Brenda Hillin singing in a trio with Bill at FBCC*

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**Bob Gober** - March 06, 2021 at 10:29 AM

JP

“ *When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.*

*May God give you peace and comfort.*

*Joe and Julie Perez*

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**Joe and Julie Perez** - March 06, 2021 at 10:06 AM

GS

“ Gail Stevenson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bill Smith



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**Gail Stevenson** - March 06, 2021 at 10:04 AM

GS

*Our condolences to Tommie & family. May God comfort you in the loss of Bill. He was a really GREAT, KIND & CHRISTIAN man. Sincerely, Tim & Gail Stevenson*

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**Gail Stevenson** - March 06, 2021 at 10:07 AM

KW

*I guess the Heavenly Choir needed a great bass singer. What a thoughtful special man he was.*

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**KIRK W WIEBOLD** - March 06, 2021 at 10:52 AM

PF

“ Heartbreaking loss for so very many. Heaven’s gain. Much love and many prayers for comfort and peace for all Mr. Bill’s family.

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**Paula Fleming** - March 06, 2021 at 10:01 AM

FT

“ Tommie I am so sorry to hear about Bill. I pray that you will find peace and comfort in our Saviors arms. He was a wonderful person and a friend to many. God Bless you and your family



*Amon & Frances .*

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**Frances Turner** - March 06, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill Smith.*



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March 06, 2021 at 07:30 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill Smith.*



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March 06, 2021 at 01:40 AM



“ *Nancy C Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bill Smith*



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**Nancy C Smith** - March 06, 2021 at 01:28 AM

NS

“ Bill and I are first cousins. During WW II, we spent many a day playing on Grandmother and Granddaddy Smith’s farm outside of Haynesville along with Cousins Robbie and Eddie. A lifetime bond of love and friendship was formed. Bill grew up to be a fine man, husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was always a talented professional wherever he was working throughout his career. He was my family but more importantly, he was my friend. His beautiful bass voice was a joy to hear and we all enjoyed it over the years. Bill loved people, was always willing to help in his home, his church, his profession and his community. His love for his wonderful wife, Tommie was beyond measure. The newest addition to their lives, Lizzie Jo was a treasure. Bill’s journey on earth may be over but the gift of his love will live on within the heart of each person whose life he touched. May he find peace in the arms of our Heavenly Father as his voice joins with those who have gone before him. What a blessing to have been on this life journey with Bill. I will miss him.  
Nancy C Smith

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**Nancy C Smith** - March 06, 2021 at 01:26 AM

BE

“ Becky Eubank lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bill Smith



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**Becky Eubank** - March 05, 2021 at 11:47 PM

PW

“ *Pro deepest sympathy. Prayers and hugs.*



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**Pam Westbrook** - March 05, 2021 at 11:22 PM

MB

“ *Wanda and Peggy, I'm so sorry to learn of Bill's death. I remember what a fine person he was when he was in school. Everybody liked and respected him.*  
*Prayers for all of the family.*  
*Mary Linda Campbell Barron*



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**Mary Barron** - March 05, 2021 at 11:13 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill Smith.*



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March 05, 2021 at 10:40 PM

KP

“ *Kenny & Katie Piel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Bill Smith.*



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**Kenny & Katie Piel** - March 05, 2021 at 09:17 PM

JP

“ Jeff and Annette Hulse, Yvonne Pierce purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Mr. Bill Smith.



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**Jeff and Annette Hulse, Yvonne Pierce** - March 05, 2021 at 08:42 PM

LC

“ He always had a smile on his face when I was doing my cardiac rehab. I will miss his singing in church. Rest in the arms of the Lord  
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**Laverne Copeland** - March 05, 2021 at 07:37 PM

DW

“ Prayers and Condolences  
For Family  
Ron & Donna Westbrook



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**Donna Westbrook** - March 05, 2021 at 07:34 PM

BG

“ The Sunday that Brenda Hillin and myself got Bill to sing in a trio with us, oh what a blessing

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**Bob Gober** - March 05, 2021 at 07:02 PM

JR

“ Please know my condolences are with each of you! Continued prayers in the days and weeks ahead. I pray your memories help you find peace and comfort.

*Jennifer Reeves Reed*

*Stroke Coordinator at CHRISTUS Good Shepherd*

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**Jennifer Reeves Reed** - March 05, 2021 at 06:55 PM