



S. L. Brightwell

September 20, 1926 - May 4, 2011

Funeral services for Mr. S. L. Brightwell, 84 of Carthage, Texas will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 6, 2011 at the Central Baptist Church of Carthage with Dr. Charles Dodson and Rev. Steve Jackson officiating. Burial will follow in the Youngblood Cemetery with military honors and masonic rites under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be Thursday evening from 6–7:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Brightwell passed away May 4, 2011 in Carthage, Texas.

Mr. S. L. Brightwell was born September 20, 1926 in Beckville, Texas to Samuel “Sam” Webster and Lola Bell Thompkins Brightwell. The oldest of three children, Mr. Brightwell was schooled in Beckville and graduated with the class of 1944. He served his country in the U. S. Navy during World War II, later meeting and marrying Mildred Fern “Tillie” Ivy on March 8, 1947, celebrating sixty-four years together. Retiring in 1986, Mr. Brightwell worked thirty-four years as a pipeline inspector for Tennessee Gas. He was a mason in the thirty-second degree and member of the Beckville Masonic Lodge No. 922 and Central Baptist Church. Mr. Brightwell enjoyed traveling, woodworking, and spending time restoring the family farm. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Ervin Brightwell.

He is survived by his loving wife, Tillie Brightwell of Carthage, son, Mark Brightwell and wife, Leslie of Carthage, daughters, Sandra McClary and husband, Wiley of Wisner, LA and Judy Kane and husband, Jim of Fort Walton Beach, FL., sister, Gettis Akins of Carthage, grandchildren, Mandy

Booth and husband, Brad of Monroe, LA., Ben Brightwell of Austin, and Sam Brightwell and wife, Rebecca of Lufkin, great grandchildren, Claire and Jake Booth and Savannah and Sawyer Brightwell, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be: Sam Brightwell, Ben Brightwell, Brad Booth, Sammy Akin, Kent Martin, Mark Brightwell and Wiley McClary. Honorary pallbearers will be: Eugene "Sug" Arnold, David Pass, David Pile, Gene Dixon and Dr. Andy Nutt.

The family requests memorials be made to Youngblood Cemetery.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Central Baptist Church
220 W. Sabine
Carthage, TX

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of S. L. Brightwell



Hawthorn Funeral Home - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Tilly, I am so sorry to hear of S. L.s passing. I enjoyed being around him so much. He brought the best in me. Smitty##imported-begin##Smitty Smith##imported-end##

May 22, 2011 at 11:53 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Slick's passing. I flew Slick in my Helicopter many times out of Houma. He was always a fun guy to be around and very knowledgeable about the pipeline and it's care. God Bless. Pat Gray##imported-begin##Pat Gray##imported-end##

May 06, 2011 at 09:39 PM



“ S. L. was such a nice man. I wasn't that close to him, but when I was around him, he was always friendly and nice. I knew his parents much better. They were exceptionally nice. Mrs. Lola and my mother fished together in our pond and went to church together. I want to express my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Tillie and all the family. John Cordray##imported-begin##John & Patricia Cordray##imported-end##

May 06, 2011 at 08:11 AM



“ Dear Judy and Family,
It must have been a noble Navy, indeed, for both our dads to have served during World War II! This is a difficult passage for all of you and you will be in my thoughts and prayers all day--your mom, especially. We all send much love from Choctaw,
Claudia##imported-begin##Claudia Hesse##imported-end##

May 06, 2011 at 07:53 AM



“ Sandy, Wiley, Judy and Family,

Our most sincere thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jeananne and Charlie Smith##imported-end##

May 05, 2011 at 11:49 PM



“ Judy & family,
We are thinking of you all at this difficult time. Judy has spoken
some much about her dad that I feel as if I knew him.

Marilyn Gentry###imported-begin##Marilyn Gentry###imported-end##

May 05, 2011 at 02:32 PM



“ The greatest gift a man can give to his family is his name. It is his
most prized possession. With it comes his heart he gives lovingly to
the lady of his life. In return she transforms his house into a home
with her love and kindness. She takes care of his every need and
gives him the only thing that can surpass the love he feels for her.
That gift is their children. They are the source of this unions pride
and happiness. We will all miss his smile and zest for life.
Remember he has left his most prized possession for each of you to
keep (his name) until you can meet again. We love each of you and
pray that God places his loving arms around you and loves you
through these trying times.###imported-begin##Cary (Mugs)
Cheek###imported-end##

May 04, 2011 at 10:13 PM



“ Ms. Tillie, Sandy, Judy and Mark,
I want you'll to know that our thoughts and prayers are with the
family. Seems like all of the "ole" TGP hands are leaving this earthly
place and going for the promise land. Mom was very sad this
afternoon when I told her about S.L., but her first question was
about Tillie. We love you'll and understand what a hard time this will
be. God Bless.###imported-begin##Sue Scott###imported-end##

May 04, 2011 at 08:02 PM



“ Mike and I were so sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Brightwell was such a delightful person. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Mike and Lisa Cockrell##imported-begin##Mike and Lisa Cockrell##imported-end##

May 04, 2011 at 07:00 PM