



Dr. William Cecil "W.C." Smith

March 7, 1920 - November 6, 2013

William Cecil Smith, M.D, 93, died November 6, 2013, in Carthage, TX.

Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 10, 2013, at Central Baptist Church of Carthage, Texas, with Dr. Charles Dodson, Dr. W. C. "Bill" Everett and Rev. Steve Jackson officiating. Burial will follow in Odd Fellows Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be Saturday evening from 6-8:00 p.m. at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Dr. Smith was born in Anna, Texas, on March 7, 1920. He was one of three boys born to the marriage of Sydney J. and Jimmie Lee Lowery Smith. William attended Anna schools graduating as valedictorian. He met his future bride, Margaret Eugenia Gill, while attending Baylor University. They married on August 7, 1943, at Central Baptist Church in Carthage, Texas. After earning a BA in Science from Baylor University in 1941 and his M. D. from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston in June of 1944, he served as a Captain in the U. S. Army processing military personnel returning from active duty in World War II. In 1948 Dr. Smith and his family moved to Carthage where he began his practice in General Medicine, later becoming board certified as a Family Practice Physician. He served as a deacon at Central Baptist Church, a member of Rotary Club International, the Panola County Fresh Water District Board, and many other professional and community organizations. Dr. Smith was honored in many ways because of his dedication to his profession and his community. Because of local support through letters of testimony from his patients, he was named Physician of the Year in 1995 by

the Texas Academy of Family Physicians. Another special event was the naming of the Panola College Health Science Building in his honor, since he was instrumental in establishing the nursing program. He was awarded the Silver Beaver by the Boy Scouts of America. Dr. Smith is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jack A. Smith and Robert L. Smith; his wife of 67 years Eugenia; and his son-in-law, Robert A. Reid.

Dr. Smith is survived by his four children: Carolyn Reid of Carthage, Robby Smith and wife Joy of Carthage, Jamey Smith and wife Carol of Kingwood, TX., and Elizabeth Yarborough and husband Guy of Nacogdoches. His eight grandchildren include Shannon Smith and wife Michelle of Tyler; Charles Reid and wife Julie of Berrien Springs, Michigan; Randy Reid and wife Julie of The Woodlands; Brandon Smith and wife Brandy of Keller; Matt Smith and wife Stephanie of Rowlett; Mike Smith of Houston; Mary Yarborough Armstrong and husband Patrick of Conroe; and Shelley Yarborough Alley and husband Adam of Nacogdoches. He is also survived by seventeen great grandchildren. Pallbearers will be his grandsons and grandsons-in-law. Honorary pallbearers are Sam Raley, Dennis Smith, Ray Schieffer, John Crisp, and Keith Keeling. Memorial gifts would be appreciated for the W. C. and Eugenia Smith Endowment Fund at Panola College, Central Baptist Church, or a charity of your choice. The family wishes to thank Texas Home Health, Heartsway Hospice, Hospice of East Texas, and Marian Place for the care and support they provided. A special thanks goes to Sherry Woods.

Cemetery Details

Odd Fellows Cemtery

Carthage, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home
307 West Wellington Street
P.O. Box 188
Carthage, TX 75633
(903) 693-3816
info@hawthornfuneralhome.com
<https://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com>

Service

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Central Baptist Church
220 W. Sabine
Carthage, TX

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. William Cecil "W.C." Smith



Hawthorn Funeral Home - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dr. Smith will be missed by so many in this community, not only as our doctor but as our friend. I enjoyed working for him before his retirement and cherish many fond memories of him. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Sheree Ritter

Sheree Ritter - November 19, 2013 at 12:38 PM

AN

“ Sorry to hear of the lost of Mr. Smith. The Bible tells us “Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you.”. One of the principal ways to draw close to God is thorough prayer. Do not underestimate its value!

angela - November 17, 2013 at 09:03 AM

TC

“ *What a wonderful Doctor our Small Town had the Blessing and Privilege to have. Anyone that has grown up in Carthage would have wonderful memories of this Fine Man....I certainly do...he not only touched many lives, he brought most of them into this life...My prayers for all the Smith family...We loved Dr. Smith!*
Toni Sharpe Clements

Toni Clements - November 13, 2013 at 12:01 PM

LG

“ *My prayers are with your family. My condolences to each of you.*

Rev. Leo Graves
Pastor, Faith Pentecostal Church, Center, TX
Owner, Graves Tire Service, Carthage, TX

Leo Graves - November 11, 2013 at 11:45 AM

FE

“ *Mrs. Smith and family,*
Sorry to hear of your loss. We would loved to have been there, but unfortunately just found out today that Dr. Smith had passed. He took care of the medical needs of several of our family members over the years including my grandparents on my dad's (Lynch) and mom's (Barryer) sides of the family.

Felita Ewins



Felita Ewins - November 11, 2013 at 11:41 AM

CH

“ We will forever have the 50 years of memories of Dr. Smith taking care of us. We will keep you in our prayers.

Tim and Carolyn (Powell) Harrigan

Carolyn Harrigan - November 10, 2013 at 07:47 PM

LC

“ Dear Smith Family,

We are so sorry for your loss. He touched so many lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mike and Lisa Cockrell

Lisa Cockrell - November 10, 2013 at 12:17 PM

KC

“ Dear Smith family,

Dr. Smith was always there for all his friends and patients. You felt so important because he truly cared about everyone. This is not found with most doctors these days. He was a true gentleman. He was always there for all the Hunter Family.

Kathy Hunter Castillo

Kathy Castillo - November 09, 2013 at 04:26 PM

KK

“ Dear Smith family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you this weekend as you lay your precious daddy to rest. He was a great man in our church, and much-loved by all of Carthage.
May you feel God's comfort, peace, and presence throughout the coming months...
Love to you all,
Kristi Hook Koonce

Kristi Hook Koonce - November 09, 2013 at 08:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Smith Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Dr. Smith always had such a gentle way with people. We are going to miss him.
Our love,
The Jerry Don Dorman Family
Jerry, Pat, Jeremy, Lance and Lara Kate
Proverbs 17:17

Jerry and Pat (Edens) Dorman - November 09, 2013 at 05:59 AM

MD

“ To The Smith Family: My prayers and thoughts are with you all. I can remember hearing Dr Smith's name growing up. He delivered several members of my family. My aunt was a special patient that required special needs and Dr Smith went above and beyond to meet those needs every time. I will always remember that and be grateful. From what Ive been told growing up my paw paw who passed away when I was an infant always said Dr Smith always knew what it would take to get you well. He had a lot of respect for Dr Smith. May God Be With You All. -Morgan Dailey



Morgan Dailey - November 09, 2013 at 04:38 AM

KA

“ *To the Smith family: My earliest memory of your Dad was when I was 6 years old, and he made a house-call. As he came through the bedroom door, I crawled under the double-bed and up against the wall. He tried to talk me into coming out, but I knew a shot awaited me. He finally gave up on me, for which I was grateful. How did he put up with some of us stubborn little kids? The last time I took Mother to his office a couple of years before he retired, he still remembered that incident from so many years before, and we shared a good laugh! I thank God for Dr. Smith's healing hands and for his staying in our community. Sincerely, Kay Birdwell Asher*

Kay Birdwell Asher - November 08, 2013 at 11:39 PM

NL

“ *Noel Emiliano Lang purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Dr. William Cecil "W.C." Smith.*



Noel Emiliano Lang - November 08, 2013 at 08:59 PM

NL

“ I have been blessed over the years to have been treated as a son by this wonderful man that was Doctor Smith . My tribute to a man that the moment I met him at a bus station in Shreveport, had a positive and beautiful impact on my life . The Doctor was such a remarkable person, he served his country in the military, served the sick , served his church , served his Family with an example of leadership that one can only try to equal.

I am so thankful to the Lord to have being part of his Family for all these years, and I will miss him very,very much . May his soul rest in peace in heaven.

His Brazilian son .

Noel Lang

Noel Emiliano Lang - November 08, 2013 at 08:46 PM

DA

“ Daisy Bell Rhonda B Gibson Rodney Bell Connie B Andrews purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. William Cecil "W.C." Smith.



Daisy Bell Rhonda B Gibson Rodney Bell Connie B Andrews
- November 08, 2013 at 08:38 PM

CA

“ Dr. Smith was our family doctor and our neighbor. He was a wonderful family doctor and a true southern gentleman. Dr. Smith treated our family, and in some cases visiting relatives, day or night, whenever he was needed. He was an engaging man of varied interests, as comfortable at a cattle auction as with his stethoscope. It was our honor to have known such a wonderful man and his family. Our sincerest condolences to the Smith Family: Daisy H. Bell, Rhonda Bell Gibson, Rodney W. Bell and Connie Bell Andrews.

Connie Bell Andrews - November 08, 2013 at 08:21 PM

BM

“ We're so sorry for your family's loss. He will be greatly missed & will never be forgotten. Dr. Smith was the kindest, most helpful, best doctor ever. Prayers for the family.
Much love,
Gene & Brenda McDaniel

brenda McDaniel - November 08, 2013 at 08:13 PM

DR

“ Such a wonderful man & doctor. Dr. Smith will be greatly missed!!!
So sorry gor your loss. God Bless the Smith Family.

Love,
Donna Randolph
Kagen Smith

Donna Randolph - November 08, 2013 at 08:06 PM

PM

“ *Pamela Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of
Dr. William Cecil "W.C." Smith*



Pamela Mitchell - November 08, 2013 at 05:26 PM

MD

“ To Carolyn, Randy, Julie, Maddie, Royce, Chuck, Julie, Noah, Leah and Luke, and other family,

Our hearts go out to you during this time of loss. Although I know you have many memories to cherish, and you know Grandpa Smith is at home with Grandma Smith in Heaven, I know you still will miss your dad, grandfather, great-grandfather, and loved one. God's Perfect timing was granted you so that you were there with Grandpa Smith when he passed.

While we only met Grandma and Grandpa Smith once or twice, our memories are fond and like you we all will cherish them. I am glad that as part of my family too, were we able to share that small part with you all those fond memories.

I know the Angels in the Heavenly Choir are singing and rejoicing over a Servant of GOD coming home to be joined once again with Grandma Smith. May your Celebration of Life for Grandpa Smith, be ever rejoicing in knowing that GOD alone has him in the palm of his hand. While GOD carries you thru the next few days, and weeks to come, I know you will see the footprints that are left on your hearts.

While we will not be able to be there in person, We send our love and prayers, and you remain in our thoughts throughout this difficult time. May GOD fully grant all of you the comfort, peace, and understanding, especially for the Great Grandchildren, that only GOD himself can give to you. You all have great memories to hold onto and I am ever so glad that you had this time with your Father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather.

*With deepest sympathy and much love,
Dorothy McArthur, Pamela & Mikiel Mitchell*

Mikiel & Pamela Mitchell & Dorothy - November 08, 2013 at 05:24 PM

MM

“ Mikiel & Pamela McArthur Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Cecil "W.C." Smith




Mikiel & Pamela McArthur Mitchell - November 08, 2013 at 04:57 PM

DM

“ Dorothy McArthur lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Cecil "W.C." Smith



Dorothy McArthur - November 08, 2013 at 04:55 PM

 Amy Armstrong Anderson

“ Thank you for all your years of service to our community and saving my Mother's life so many years ago. Heaven gained a great physician that treated and saved many lives over the years. May you rest in peace, good and faithful servant. Praying for Robby and the family!



Amy Armstrong Anderson - November 08, 2013 at 04:00 PM

BW

“ Sweet Doctor Smith you will not be forgotten as you were an icon for Panola County and for many families.
God Bless the Smith Family.
Barry & Kip Washington

Barry and Kip L. Washington - November 08, 2013 at 03:31 PM

BE

“ Dr. Smith was our family doctor, loved, honored, and respected by our entire family. He was a big hearted and caring man. I remember when I was 7 years old, he delivered my little brother, David... I thought Dr. Smith should have given us a girl instead of a boy and I ask him to take him back and give us a girl!! Dr. Smith finally gave me a 9lb 1oz girl in 1974!!! I will always cherish Dr. Smith as a man of integrity. To the Smith Family, from the Shoffner Family, we love you all dearly.

Becky Eubank - November 08, 2013 at 03:04 PM

BS

“ Doctor Smith will always be a memory of blessing to the Billy Shoffner family. He was not only our family doctor for many years but also one of our best friends. He always had time for us to talk and when our son David was born Dr. Smith delivered him. When Betty went in to pay him after the birth and ask him how much we owed him, he said "you don't owe me anything. That was at a time we had no insurance, we will always be grateful for that act of kindness. We would like for doctor Smith's family to know we will always feel indebted to our dearly beloved Doctor Smith, our thoughts and prayer are with the family. Billy Shoffner Family

Billy Shoffner - November 08, 2013 at 02:58 PM

SE

“ Dr. Smith wasn't my doctor but he was someone I knew well. He was a great person, sweet and kind. He will be missed. God bless you Dr. Smith may you rest in peace.

Shannon Ebarb - November 08, 2013 at 01:58 PM

DB

“ Dr Smith was most of all a great man and an excellent Physician .May god bless your Family.My Grandparents were life long patients of Dr Smith. He was a blessing to My Family.Thanks for the many years of service and dedication.

Dale Brewster - November 08, 2013 at 01:52 PM

VH

“ Worked with Dr Smith at Panola General back when physicians took care of their own. Not a hospitalist.
He was kind, well spoken, knowledgable and patient.
He liked his coffee!
God rest your soul, Doctor.
You've by far earned it & deserve our Fathers grace.
Blessings, strength and peace unto your family.
And to your host of friends, cal-lieges, and our entire community.

Valarie Hunt - November 08, 2013 at 01:11 PM

JW

“ Dr.Smith was the kindest person,as well as the while family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Janice Wilson

Janice Wilson - November 08, 2013 at 12:43 PM

BS

“ Dr. Smith was an amazing example of a humane healer. He was humble and kind. My condolences to all of his family. My appreciation for the example of humanity he stood for in my small hometown.

Barbara Bounds Sadak - November 08, 2013 at 12:04 PM

DL

“ Dr. Smith cared for my family, both professionally and personally for our whole lives. He was a wonderful and caring physician, and he was a better gentleman and Christian. Our love and condolences go out to his entire family. He will be sorely missed.

Dr. Clenton LaGrone - November 08, 2013 at 10:50 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. William Cecil "W.C." Smith.



November 08, 2013 at 10:33 AM

PJ

“ Dr. Smith was my doctor when I first moved to Carthage so many years ago. There will never be another doctor like him. He really cared for his patients. When I had to change doctor because he was retiring I cried. That is what an impact he made on my life. Such a wonderful doctor. Thank you for your wonderful care. Patsy Leach Jones

patsy jones - November 08, 2013 at 10:27 AM

 Walt Hart

“ Dr. Smith truly was a CLASSIC FAMILY DOCTOR. Lots of Understanding, Love & Patience. He treated me many times & when my Mam Maw was sick at mother & Daddy's he would come across the road & tend to her & as far as my Dad, Ben Hart he was there for him with his kidney problems all those many many years. Thanks Dr. Smith!
WALT HART

Walt Hart - November 08, 2013 at 10:16 AM

KB

“ Heaven has received another angel. They sure don't make doctors like him anymore. He could take care of everything, from giving you a scolding when he thought you needed it to a hug, prescriptions with a phone call, he'd see you at his office, at your house, at the hospital.



One of the Best! He delivered my older brother in 1956, then was my doctor for years, and my son's doctor, guess my son (24 yrs old) is about the last generation that got to go to Dr. Smith. I'm sure he had an awesome homecoming when he got to heaven by all of our loved ones in Panola County who went before him. I can still hear him when I call in that antibiotic for my son, what pharmacy? He never forgot a face either. Prayers are with you all.

Kathy Fannin Boggs - November 08, 2013 at 10:05 AM

JB

“ What a homecoming there must have been in heaven by all the many people who loved Dr. Smith, including my parents, Pat and Arlee Bush, and my in-laws, Faye and Johnny Tucker. God bless them all.

Jimmy and Martha Bush

Jimmy Bush - November 08, 2013 at 06:31 AM

TF

“ The Searcy Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Dr. William Cecil "W.C." Smith.



The Searcy Family - November 08, 2013 at 12:58 AM

AS

“ *Dr Smith saved my life when I was born and 2 times after that in my life. I always loved and respected this man. He was one of the last great generations of family doctors.*

Alice

Alice Searcy - November 08, 2013 at 12:46 AM

LH

“ *Dr Smith was the kindest man I've ever known. When he was caring for me, there was a never a doubt in my mind that my well-being was important to him. One of my best memories is the conversation we'd have every time I'd walk into his office. He'd say "Are you still smoking?" and I'd reply "Are you still fat?" and we'd laugh and get on with business. I have nothing but the fondest memories of this great man. Condolences to the Smith family. He'll be missed by many!!*

Linda Holt - November 07, 2013 at 10:09 PM

TI

“ *Carolyn and the rest of the family, I am sorry to hear of your loss. Dr. Smith was a pillar of the community. I will always have fond memories of him and can see him now sitting in the deacons row at the front of the church on Sunday morning. He was a wonderful man with a wonderful family.*

*Yours,
Thomas Hogue*

Thomas M. Hogue, II - November 07, 2013 at 06:35 PM

MW

“ *Marcus & Jenny White purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dr. William Cecil "W.C." Smith.*



Marcus & Jenny White - November 07, 2013 at 04:30 PM

TN

“ *Jamey- You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this time.*

Tobi Newhouser

Tobi Newhouser - November 07, 2013 at 03:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. William Cecil "W.C." Smith.*



November 07, 2013 at 03:15 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. William Cecil "W.C." Smith.*



November 07, 2013 at 02:11 PM

KS

“ To the Smith family,

Sheryl and I are sad for your family, Jamey, but so very happy for your Dad today. He is truly unburdened and in perfect health. You can take much comfort in the fact you know exactly where he is.

Kenny and Sheryl Shaw

Kenny Shaw - November 07, 2013 at 01:42 PM

DM

“ *Dr. Smith was such a good person. He delivered my babies in 1976 and 1978. He was our family Doctor. He took care of my Mom, Maudie Leach and my Dad, Ted Leach. They were dear friends. He saw my Dad through his Heart Transplant and checked on him regularly. He would be honest with you and tell it like it was. He was loved by so many people as a Doctor, as a person, as a friend. You will be missed but you will be remembered for a long long time as a dear sweet man! Rest In Peace Dr. Smith and to your family our thoughts and prayers are with them. Larry and Debbie McMillan*

Debbie McMillan - November 07, 2013 at 12:07 PM

MB

“ *Growing up in our Carthage home I remember hearing the words 'Call Dr. Smith' quite frequently. And then it wouldn't be long until we heard a knock on the door and there he was, day or night, ready to help soothe whatever was wrong, whether physical or emotional , with medicine or just comforting words and a hug. I'm proud to have been one of the many, many babies he delivered during his practice, as was my husband and our two daughters. Dr. Smith was a dear friend of our family and we extend our love and condolences to his family at this time. Mary Bunyard Bush*

Mary Bunyard Bush - November 07, 2013 at 09:08 AM

SV

“ Jamey- I'm so sorry. My prayers are with you and your family right now.

Susan Milton

Susan Vetrano - November 07, 2013 at 08:49 AM

JC

“ Jamey, you and yours are in my sincere thoughts and prayers.
Jenny Cameron, Loan Support Dept.-Kilgore, Tx.

Jenny Cameron - November 07, 2013 at 08:28 AM

SB

“ Dr Smith was my childhood doctor from time to time. My thoughts and prayers go out to Jamey and Robbie during this difficult time.

-Sonya Brasher

Sonya Brasher - November 07, 2013 at 08:21 AM

SB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Smith family during this difficult time.

-Citizens Bank - Carthage Banking Center

Sonya Brasher - November 07, 2013 at 08:20 AM

CF

“ Dr. Smith was one of my favorites he delivered 2 of my children and up to his retirement took great care of me he will be greatly missed but has his angel wings now i will be praying for you all c.figley

cindy figley - November 07, 2013 at 07:42 AM



“ Dear Smith family,
I started working at Panola General in 1982. Dr. Smith scared me to death. However, when I got to know him, I realized that he was not what the other older nurses had lead me to believe. He was a kind, sweet man. He expected the best out of everyone he worked with, because he gave his best. Years later I ended up working in the OR with Eulamae Hammons, Paula Smith, Goldie William. When he started having problems with his eyes, he would sit and talk to us about his plans for his practice. He made it a point to know as much about us as we were willing to share. There was many a day, that he would give us one of those round bellied hugs. Remembering back, yes I was one of those people that wrote letters when he was nominated for physician of the year. Dr. Smith was not only physician of the year, he was my physician, and your physician too. He will greatly missed and now he's with the Great healer in heaven. I know Dr. Smith would say, "Do not weep for me, for I'm in a better place."

Dale Koonce - November 07, 2013 at 07:14 AM

TK

I left my comment under my husband's face book account, but our sympathy is with the Smith family.
Sincerely,

Tammy Koonce - November 07, 2013 at 08:59 AM

VI

My prayers are with all the family. I was raised in Central Baptist Church with Dr. Smith and Eugenia since 1949. I was a babysitter for you kids when you were young.. You can not find a more christian family than yours.

Virgie Hogue Ingram - November 07, 2013 at 06:50 PM



Dr. Smith brought me into the world in 1960 and then cared for my whole family for so many years! He was the best doctor and set the bar for common sense, complete care of the person and an overall kindness like no other! It is a wonderful blessing to have known him!

Dona Hopkins Willett - November 09, 2013 at 07:21 PM