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"**H**is lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

~ Matthew 25:23

Brother Slim, 85, entered into the joy of his Lord and Savior on Saturday, March 15, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Medical Center, while holding hands with his loving family, after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease.

He was born December 27, 1922, in Trees City, La., to Joe S. and Hettie Sullivan. He was raised in Mississippi and after serving in the U.S. military, he went to work for R.G. LeTourneau in Vicksburg, Miss., where he was a welder by trade. In 1947, he transferred to the Longview plant. In 1949, he married Jimmye Gibson of Longview.

After accepting an invitation to church from a caring co-worker and friend, Brother Slim accepted Christ and surrendered to the ministry on January 21, 1951. In 1955, he established Judson Road Baptist Church, where he pastored for five years. In 1960, he was called as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, where he served until 1985. After leaving the pastorate, he began an evangelism and nursing home ministry, while he served as Minister of Outreach at Trinity Baptist Church in Longview. At the time of his death, he was a member of Mobberly Baptist Church.

Some of his fondest times were when he was in the woods target practicing and squirrel hunting. He was most comfortable in his old coveralls and work boots, although he would never preach a sermon until his shoes were shined and his tie was straight.

Brother Slim wrote in his own testimony, "Christ strengthens and energizes my life through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Through His enabling, I can worship, work, witness, overcome temptation, win souls, and live victoriously. He gives me hope, help, heat, and the promise of Heaven."



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He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Robbie Dukes.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Jimmye of 58 years; daughters, Ruth Kay and husband, Frank, and Freda Nix and husband, Mike; grandchildren, April Moore and husband, Jason, Amber Dominguez and husband, Robert, Allen Nix, and Lexi Mauk; and great-grandchildren, Bailey Halsell and Marlee Dominguez. He also leaves behind numerous friends whose lives were touched by his witness.

A celebration of his life will be held at 4 p.m. this afternoon, March 18, 2008, at Mobberly Baptist Church, under the direction of Rader Funeral Home in Longview. Interment will be in Lakeview Memorial Gardens.

Brother Slim's life was a testimony as to what most of us heard him say, "God will mend a broken heart if you give Him all the pieces." Therefore, in his honor and in lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Hi-Way 80 Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 3223, Longview, TX 75606.

All will remember him as being faithful to God, faithful to the ministry, and faithful to his family.

~ We love you, Daddy!



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Anonymous posted:

Bro. "Slim" Sullivan was my favorite preacher when I was a young boy. He was my pastor and he baptized me. His influence upon me to serve the Lord Jesus Christ was tremendous.##imported-begin##Charlie Faulkner##imported-end##

March 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ruth, just wanted to let you know that I'm thinking of you. Be Strong... Gail Smith##imported-begin##Gail Smith##imported-end##

March 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ben and I attended Calvery Baptist Church when we lived in Longview several years ago. Brother "Slim" was the pastor who we loved dearly. He gave a beautiful sermon at Ben's funeral.God's Blessings to the Sullivan family.Beulah Shindler##imported-begin##Mrs. Ben R. Shindler Beulah##imported-end##

March 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Brother Sullivan was the pastor at Calvery where my family attended church for many years. He also performed the funeral services for both my mom Colleen Howell and my father Joe Howell. He was a wonderful man and will be welcomed into the gates of heaven with open arms and be able to do the Lord's work in many new ways.My thoughts and prayers are with his family!Love always in Christ... Jodie Carlson##imported-begin##Jodie Howell Carlson##imported-end##

March 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Many years ago, a friend shared some taped messages by Bro. Sullivan. They spoke to my heart! Bro. Sullivan's messages were Biblically based and delivered in a forthright and helpful manner. He was a giant in the faith to this young minister. God bless you family! I am happy for Bro. Sullivan!##imported-begin##Wayne Whiteside##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

There are so many memories of the Sullivan family. I want to thank the family for sharing Bro. Slim with so many people. He is one of a kind. We all love and will miss him. The Earnest Jackson Family##imported-begin##Juanita Jackson Tucker##imported-end##

March 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

He made a big difference to our entire family##imported-begin##Dorothy Sims##imported-end##

March 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

God used Bro. Slim to bring me to Christ and to call me to the gospel ministry. Bro. Slim baptized me and gave me an incredible role model. Over the years I have thought of him often, thanked God for him, and spoken of him often as I taught and preached. Bro. Slim and family, "thank you for giving to the Lord. I am a life that was changed."Rev. Guy K JacksonAssociate ProfessorCollege of Biblical StudiesHouston, Texas##imported-begin##Guy K Jackson##imported-end##

March 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

THE SULLIVAN FAMILY HAS MEANT SO MUCH TO OUR FAMILY OVER THE YEARS. HE TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES IN SO MANY WAYS. EVEN HIS LITTLE SMILE BROUGHT COMFORT ON DARK DAYS. WE WILL ALL MISS HIM AND HIS MOST FRIENDLY HAND SHAKE. EVEN THOUGH HEAVEN HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR GOAL, IT SEEMS TO GLOW EVEN BRIGHTER NOW WE KNOW THAT BROTHER SLIM WILL BE THERE TO GREET US. WE LOVE YOU ALL VERY MUCH.KENNY AND JOYCE AND FAMILY##imported-begin##KENNY & JOYCE WILKES##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

There are few people that had as much positive influence, on the Pine Tree community, as Slim Sullivan. He never failed to set a high and positive standard for the youth of our community. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you in the days to come. May God continue to bless each of you.##imported-begin##Pat and 'holley' Noon##imported-end##

March 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have wonderful memories of Brother Slim and growing up on Ladd Street. He was a positive role model in so many lives. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.##imported-begin##Mary Stoddard Whitton##imported-end##

March 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Brother Slim was a big influence in my life. He baptised me, visited me in the hospital and cared for everyone at Calvary! I always enjoyed his little jokes he would come up with in his sermons If you can't rock them to sleep, use a bigger rock-ha! I want to let his family know that he will be missed here on earth but heaven gained a keeper!!##imported-begin##Anna Ammar Whitmore##imported-end##

March 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

AS I REMEMBER, I KNEW SLIM EVER SINCE HE CAME TO LETOURNEAU IN LONGVIEW--I WORKED THERE UNTIL 1964, WHEN WE MOVED TO SHREVEPORT. I KNOW HE WAS A GREAT INFLUENCE ON LOTS OF PEOPLES' LIVES. WE WERE NEVER MEMBERS OF A CHURCH HE PASTORED, AS WE WERE ACTIVE IN OUR OWN CHURCH, BUT HAVE VISITED THE CHURCH BETWEEN GREGGTON AND SEVEN PINES ON OCCASION. MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN THIS TIME OF YOUR GREAT SORROW--JAMES AND DELORES SPARKS KAY##imported-begin##James J> Kay##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Slim was my best friend. We go back to the 1940's. He will be missed greatly. My prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##Orval and Eldeen Perry##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

DEAR SULLIVAN FAMILY,I'M PROUD TO HAVE KNOWN BRO. SULLIVAN, MY PASTOR AT CALVARY. WHAT A TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE, HE WAS ALL THOSE YEARS, WHILE I WAS GROWING UP AT CALVARY. AS I READ THE PAPER THIS MORNING AND LEARNED HOW HE MET CHRIST AND TURNED HIS LIFE OVER TO THE MINISTRY, IT REMINDED ME OF A VERSE THAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR EVERYONE. IT IS 2ND CORINTHIANS 5:17. THEREFORE IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE: OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW.WHAT A MAN OF GOD! SINCERELY,BOBBY COONES##imported-begin##BOBBY COONES##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Bro. Slim was one of a kind used by God to minister to the flock. He meant a lot to our family. When we moved to Pine Tree in 1977, he visited us, invited us to church, and we stayed there some 25 years. He led our daughter, Lisa to Christ and baptisted her. His family are very special people and he will be missed here on earth, but Heaven is rejoicing today. Kenneth, Linda, Lisa, & Kevin Jackson##imported-begin##Linda & Kenneth Jackson##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Rev. Dick & Sharon Lindsey, Hope Community Church Formerly Northside Baptist##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Bro Slim really had an impact on my family. The Gilmores were members for many years and my father, Homer Gilmore led the music for a number of years. I always remember Bro Slim walking into the sanctuary with his shiny black shoes....his preaching shoes. He was a wonderful christian and a wonderful pastor.##imported-begin##Richard and Pat Gilmore Hill##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Bro. Slim was a real soldier for God. He blessed many hearts overthe years. May God be with the family at this sad time. We will see his smile again in heaven.##imported-begin##Frederick & Mary Stahl##imported-end##

March 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Please know we have you in our thoughts and prayers....Larry, Dawn, Tyler & Lake Sutton##imported-begin##Dawn Sutton##imported-end##

March 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Bother Slim was a major influence in the way my life turned out. I will sorely miss him , but Heaven will be alot brighter having him there.I will always see him raising that large hand and saying Hey neighbor! God bless you all in this hour of need. Nathan Wilkins##imported-begin##nathan wilkins##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Like so many others, we both cherish the fact that we were fortunate to grow up in Longview and Calvary Baptist Church. As our pastor, Brother Slim was a powerful influence, in our lives, as we were growing up. We feel very sad to know he has passed away. The values we have today are a direct result of our families and the hundreds of Brother Slim's sermons we both heard through the years. He was tough, but he was good. Personally, I'll never forget one Sunday evening service when I was in about the 9th grade. I leaned over to whisper something to a friend, and he asked us to stop talking from the pulpit! I thought I was going to die from embarrassment. I never talked in church, again. He was a big man with a powerful voice, and he got my attention. Even though he didn't actually travel with us on youth choir/mission trips, he successfully led the adults who organized all those amazing memories for us. Brent especially cherished his days participating in R.A. basketball. Calvary Baptist holds a very special place in both of our hearts. May Brother Slim rest in peace. With grateful hearts,##imported-begin##Brent and Kim Chapman Oden##imported-end##

March 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry for your loss. Mother talked of ya'll often and thought so much of Slim. Eula Lee is in a nursing home in Port Gibson, MS. She has trouble walking but her mind is still sharp as a tack. She also sends her condolences.##imported-begin##Larry & Linda Dukes & Eula Lee Cleveland##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dad and I want to let you know our prayers are with you. When I got the news, I called him in Magnolia to let him know, and we both spent an extended time on the phone sharing great experiences we had with Bro. Slim. Dad says he was the "Pastor's Pastor". To me he was the one that reached out and lead my granddaddy Buck to the Lord! It's been an honor and joy to know the Sullivan family. I know how it hurts losing a parent, but I know that we all are joyfull in the fact that they are in the presence of the Lord and suffer no more!!##imported-begin##Randy and Charles Baskin##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Brother Slim tuly was a Man of god. And, I can tell the world he & his precious wife visited the Rest Homes-I know for I saw them there OFTEN! Let me phrase that a little different, he & his wife were in a Class of their own when it came to visiting the dear Ones in the Rest Homes. One of the fewCouples I was priileged to see there. Over & over I hear it Passtors don't visit the Rest Homes. Well, Bro. Slim with his wife DID! I know Bro. Slim led many to the Lord for HE LIVED HISRELIGION. Heaven has gained another Angel. May his influencelive on forever for he was a trueblessing to mankind. I loved him & I love his precious Widow.##imported-begin##Millie Terry Harper##imported-end##

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