



Jerry Lynn Smith "Smitty"

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Services for Jerry Lynn Smith "Smitty" 78, of Hallsville, TX will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at Little Flock Baptist Church in Longview, TX with the Pastor Randy Pitts and Rev. Ted White officiating. Jerry went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 10, 2015 in his home after a brave battle with cancer. The family will receive friends at Rader Funeral Home in Longview Tuesday, January 13, 2015 6 and 8 p.m.

He was born February 10, 1936 in Old London, TX to Thomas and Willie Mae Smith. He grew up in Longview and graduated from Longview High School in 1954. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Jimmie Smith, sister Joyce Russell, and daughter Carolyn Donald of Hallsville. He is survived by his devoted wife and first love Dorothy Hamlin of almost 60 years, and daughters and sons-in-law Gayle Ferrell and Robert, Sherrie Patterson and Jeff. Grandchildren Rob Ferrell, Kim Cotton, Lindsey Melson, Jake Donald, Holly Johnson, Morgan Donald, Jessica Walters, Spencer Patterson, 8 great-grandchildren and soon to be 10 all of Hallsville and Longview, and cousins.

Jerry attended Kilgore College and studied auto mechanics. He loved building engines and auto repair for anyone in need, with a keen ear to diagnose trouble and a zest for speed. He loved his family and friends and always exhibited strong Christian faith and values. He became a Deacon in his church and taught youth in Sunday School for many years. He loved racing of any kind, including boats. In 1976 he established Smitty's Four Wheel Drive to serve four-wheel customers throughout East Texas. His zest for competition prompted him to build his own race and mud cars "Overtime" and "Running Bear", for which became tough contenders as result of his driving skills and special ability to construct a winning engine. He became a legend in East Texas as a man of integrity in the four-wheel drive business, with production of quality work with fair and honest business dealings of all persons. He



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will always be remembered for his silly jokes and hunting stories, guaranteed to make you laugh even if you didn't feel like it. It remained his coping throughout. He will greatly be missed by family and friends throughout East Texas.

Special friends: Randy Knight and James Wardlaw. Special life-long friends, hunting buddies, and Honorary Pallbearers: Jerrell Terry, Roy Taylor, and Jimmy Bailey.

Pallbears: Rob Ferrell, Jake Donald, Spencer Patterson, Mark Taylor, Jeremy Cotton, Sam Melson, Arthur Johnson, and Connor Walters.



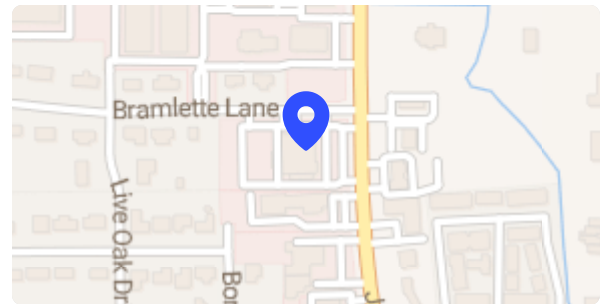
Events

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Visitation

- Tuesday**, January 13, 2015
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- Rader Funeral Home of Longview**
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601



Church Service

- Wednesday**, January 14, 2015
- 10:00 AM CT
- Little Flock Baptist Church**
FM 968, Hallsville TX



Cemetery Details

- Hallsville Cemetery**
Hallsville TX





Tribute Wall

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NC

Nell Collins posted:

I remember Jerry beginning with days at South Ward Elementary School. Carolyn and family, I am sad to hear about his passing. His obituary spoke well of him, and I know you are proud. May you feel the constancy of God's love every day. Nell Eberhart Collins

January 15 at 6:53 AM

HH

Harold Wayne And Susan Hill lit a candle in honor of Jerry.



January 14 at 1:00 PM

MA

Mike Allen lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

I met Mr. Jerry in 1974 while going to Kilgore College, we both were working for Delta Drilling Company. I learned more from Jerry Smith than I did in school, and I developed a huge respect for him as a coworker and friend. He will be remembered in many ways by both Charlie Martin and myself. You were a great man to me Mr. Smith. Michael E Allen



January 14 at 12:02 PM

CN

Carolyn Clark And Dalton Nehk lit a candle in honor of Jerry.



January 14 at 9:32 AM

KA

Kevin Anderson posted:

Dorothy and family, my prayers and thoughts are with you in the passing of Jerry. I remember him at Temple Baptist Church in the years of long ago. Many good memories of him and other folks during that time. Kevin Anderson, West End, North Carolina

January 14 at 4:49 AM



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Julie White lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

January 14 at 4:44 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Smith "Smitty" family.

January 13 at 4:29 PM



Debra Turner lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

January 13 at 1:13 PM



Carolyn Clark And Dalton Nehk January 14 at 10:08 AM

Mr. Smitty will be missed by many, for many reasons. The most memorable for me would have to be his jokes. My son and I have known Mr. Smitty and his family for about 8 years and he always came through for me anytime I had car trouble. Ms. Dorothy I pray you may have all the comfort and strength needed at this very difficult time.....God bless Gail and Sherry and the rest of this wonderful family. Carolyn and Dalton



Debra Turner January 13 at 1:13 PM
Love this whole family. Our prayers always



Anita Griffis-Smith posted:

Growing up in Longview and knowing Smitty and his family was truly an honor. Curtis counted him as a friend and I remember all the fun times at our Mobblerly Avenue Baptist Church family. My prayers are with you Dorothy and your sweet family.

January 13 at 8:59 AM



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SM

Stacy & Barbara Maness posted:

Our deepest sympathy to you, Dorothy, and your family members. May the Lord bless and comfort each of you during this time. Some, almost 60 years ago, Stacy was honored to be one of the candle lighters at your and Jerry's wedding; being too short to reach the candle, assistance was needed from his cousin Seth Hamilin; embarrassing at the time, but has been a wonderful memory. Sorry for your loss. Stacy & Barbara Maness Rosebud, TX

January 13 at 7:27 AM

LT

Leslie Paull W/Texas Bank And Trust posted:

Mrs. Dorothy and family my thoughts and prayers are with you. I have fond memories of the many visits I had with the two of you. It was pleasure and honor to have known Smitty. He always mad me laugh with his sense of humor. May you feel comfort that only He can give and peace that surpasses all understanding. Blessings, Leslie Paull

January 13 at 6:34 AM

LT

Leslie Paull W/Texas Bank And Trust lit a candle in honor of Jerry.



January 13 at 6:30 AM

WD

Wesley & Darleen Dollahite posted:

Jerry, Dorothy and children have been friends of ours for many years and we attended church with them for many years. Jerry has fought the good fight and there will be no more suffering where he is now. " Praise God " Sorry we are unable to attend the service because we have doctors appointments at the same time. Please know that you are all in our prayers. We love you, Wesley and Darleen

January 13 at 6:05 AM

BB

Bill Botter posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss. I will always remember Smitty's stories on our hunting trips. They were some of the best memories I have. It makes me smile to think of them. Our love and prayers our with you and your family. Bill, Darcie, Buck, and Brand Botter

January 13 at 5:45 AM



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JF

Johnny And Cherry Dowell Fuller lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

January 13 at 5:24 AM



BE

Barbara Evans posted:

Our Prayers and Love are with you during this time of loss. He was a fine Christian man and is now safely home in Heaven. May GOD Bless You All, Love Johnny and Cherry Dowell Fuller

January 13 at 5:21 AM

BE

Barbara Evans lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

January 13 at 4:38 AM



BE

Barbara Evans posted:

Prayers for all to feel GOD'S comfort in this time of loss. He was a wonderful man & will be greatly missed. GOD bless you all, Love, Barbara and Chad Evans.

January 13 at 4:38 AM

DS

Diane Schmidt sent an Arrive in Style to the Smith "Smitty" family.

January 12 at 10:47 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jerry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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