



Billy Joe Smith

May 29, 1940 - March 4, 2017

A memorial service for Billy Joe Smith, age 76 of Rusk is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 10, 2017 at Grace Fellowship Church with Pastor Keith Hassell officiating.

Mr. Smith passed away March 4, 2017 at a Tyler hospital. He was born May 29, 1940 in Rusk to the late George Washington and Ruby Cynthia Maxy Smith. Mr. Smith was a lifelong resident of Rusk and worked as a machinist for Lufkin Industries where he retired. He was a member of Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Rusk and served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He loved to fish and loved his grandkids. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Bobbie Jean Standard Whitaker, siblings, Lela Evelyn Dickson, Lola Maude Work, Violet Ruby Work, Mary Juanita Peterson, Norman Smith, James "Buddy" Smith, Byford "Buck" Smith and Betty Chavers. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary Smith of Rusk, two daughters, Vickie Thompson and husband Doug of Jacksonville, Debra Caldwell of Jacksonville, four grandsons, Stephen Goff and wife Ashley of Rusk, Billy Whitaker of Rusk, Jamie Whitaker of Rusk, Dustin Smith of Jacksonville, two great grandchildren, Rayleigh Goff and Preston Whitaker both of Rusk, one sister, Wilma Hendrix of Ratcliff, TX, three brothers, Robert "Bob" Smith and wife Melba of Etoile, TX, Merle Smith and wife Kay of Bryan, TX, Earl Smith and wife Ginger of College Station, TX and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. up until service time, Friday, March 10, 2017 at Grace Fellowship Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Joe Smith*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Well I don't know what to say but i will always love and miss you. You & I know we have had our ups and downs You were the only father I knew. You married my mom put a roof over our heads and did what a man does. Took care of us pulse you helped many people in your life that needed help. I will never forget the Joker in you. I Love and will miss your smart attitude. But that is the Smith in you. Not meaning anything you just spoke your mine sometimes it was pretty strong. Tell All I said Hello and KISS BOBBIE FOR ME.*



Vicki Thompson - March 10, 2017 at 07:23 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Billy Joe Smith.*



March 08, 2017 at 04:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Billy Joe Smith.*



March 08, 2017 at 09:10 AM



“ *I remember when I first married into the Smith family, and reunions were at Wolf Creek on Lake Livingston, we would all Camp out and the stories Bill and the Smith Kids told of childhood would make your stomach hurt with laughter. Bill always had that mischievous smile and he was always glad to see his family. I will miss that. Prayers for the family for God's comfort.*

Kay Smith - March 07, 2017 at 10:02 AM

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An old friend was this the Billy Joe Smith married to Mary . That raced .midget n stock cars in Odessa? Rip

Pat Long Parmley . Earl longs daughter - April 11, 2017 at 11:36 AM