



## H.B. "Smooth" Lawson, Jr.

April 2, 1934 - July 13, 2010

Hayne Brown "Smooth" Lawson Jr.

Hayne Brown "Smooth" Lawson Jr., 76, passed away on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, in Huntsville at Ella Smither Geriatric Center.

Smooth was born in Lovelady, TX, April 2, 1934, to Hayne Brown Lawson Sr. and Ruth Rosser Lawson. At a young age he entered into a life long love with the old west and became an active participant in trial rides and western reenactments. After serving in the U.S. Army and the Texas National Guard, Smooth moved to Huntsville, TX where he became a valued citizen. He retired from Sam Houston State University in 2003 after serving there for over 20 years. Apart from his job at SHSU, Smooth put much time and labor into the community of Walker County. Part of his pride came from being a member of the Huntsville Fire Department for over 20 years, working with the Walker County Fair Grounds Association for 31 years, being one of the founders of the Sam Houston Folk Festival where he served over 22 years and held the title of General, and spending his last years as a volunteer at the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veteran's Museum.

Smooth was preceded in death by his parents, Hayne Brown Lawson Sr. and Ruth Rosser Lawson; brothers Hayne Mainer Lawson, Dallas Vincent Lawson, and Drayton Lawson; sisters Ehrine Merle Parkins and Jessie Edna

Coverston.

Survivors include older sister Betty Sue Morris of Cleveland, TX and younger sister Martha Anne Vick and husband Billy Vick of New Waverly, TX; daughter Teresa Lawson and her son Michael Lawson; sons Mark Goodrow and wife Lawanna and Steve Goodrow; and numerous grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Visitation will be held Thursday July 15, 2010, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 16, 2010 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home with Rev. James Featherstone and Rev. Reagan Cooksey officiating. Interment will follow at Pine Prairie Cemetery. Lunch will be served afterwards at the Pine Prairie Fellowship Hall.

Memorial donations may be made to H.E.A.R.T.S Veterans Museum of Texas, 463 SH 75 N., Huntsville, Texas 77320.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *H.B. "Smooth" Lawson, Jr.*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Smooth was a great man with a great heart and big smile for everybody and anybody. Not only did he volunteer for the community, but he always had a dance for you at Shennanigan's. With the handlebar mustach and cowboy hat, they don't make cowboys like that anymore. Teresa you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Jamie Masters*

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**Jamie Masters** - August 06, 2010 at 11:25 AM



“ *I knew Smooth from my days working for the Sam Houston Museum. I have fond memories of him and the 'gator'. He was a great man to work with and he will be missed. My prayers go out to his family.*

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**Misty Schwartz** - July 25, 2010 at 05:13 PM



“ *I just recieved a letter stating that my dear friend and buckskinner had passed on while Greg and I were attending the RMNR in Creede, Colorado. His spirit will always be in our hearts around the campfire. We will surely miss his tales and humor.*

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**Dale Stinson** - July 19, 2010 at 11:53 PM

MH

“ I got to know Smooth when I moved to Huntsville. The shared times we had will never be forgotten. I pray for our Lord to give the comfort and understanding for the family cause words are hard to explain such friendships. I know Smooth is in a better place. I thank God for putting people like him in my life.

M. Hyvl - July 18, 2010 at 07:32 PM

BS

“ I first met Smooth as a city employee and as a member of the Huntsville Fire Dept many years ago. He was the quintessential citizen of the community. He took pride in his job and volunteered for community service with a quick smile and a willingness to do anything that would help the cause. He was a joy to know. He will be sincerely missed by Huntsville and Walker County.

Bobby Smith - July 18, 2010 at 12:51 PM

EC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Earl and Sherry Carter - July 16, 2010 at 10:03 PM

SS

“ TERESA, I'M WRITING THIS WITH TEARS IN MY EYES. YOUR DAD WILL TRULY BE MISSED. DON'T YOU KNOW THAT HE IS IN HEAVEN ON THOSE BILLOWY CLOUDS DOING THE TWO-STEP?? MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU, TERESA.

SHIRLEY STACH - July 16, 2010 at 04:15 PM

BC

“ The events in Huntsvill will not be the same without him. He was always there. Bobbie Coburn

Bobbie Coburn - July 16, 2010 at 02:01 PM

SM

“ Smooth will truly be missed by so many in this community , even alot of the youth! Me and Pedro first met him at Shenanigans on the dance floor and he has been a Very Dear Friend of ours since. No matter where you went in town you would see Smooth with a big grin on his face and a warm hug for you. Our community will never be the same without "OUR" Smooth there! We love you and miss you Smooth!!! ( Save a dance for me in Heaven ! ) Stephanie Maldonado

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**Stephanie & Pedro Maldonado** - July 16, 2010 at 12:16 PM

PP

“ Huntsville has lost a true legend and public servant and he will be missed at all. My condolences to his family.

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**Paula Pemberton-Kelm** - July 16, 2010 at 11:47 AM

SJ

“ Smooth, oh how you will be truly missed. A Fair Dance isn't a Fair Dance without you there, you could sure "cut a rug" with the best of 'em. A parade isn't a parade without you there. A trailride isn't a trailride without you there. You never failed to hug our necks every single time our paths crossed, in a crowd or all alone. You had a huge hand in raising alot of the Walker County youth, me especially. I will surely miss those hugs. You were proud of your family and community and it showed! Rest in Peace my dear ol' friend, Rest in Peace. I will miss you dearly!

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**Sheryle Brooks Jordan** - July 16, 2010 at 10:54 AM

MA

“ He will truly be missed. He is nothing short of a Huntsville legend.

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**mandy** - July 16, 2010 at 10:28 AM

RL

“ Smooth was a good friend. He was always glad to see you and waiting with a big hug. He will be missed. We have all lost a good man.

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**Roxie Lacey** - July 15, 2010 at 07:52 PM

CW

“ I worked for the University for 27 years until my retirement, in I could not tell you the day I met Smooth, all I know is it feels I have always known Smooth.

*He was such a special, funny, beautiful man to be around, and the world has truly lost a treasure.*

*Teresa, I never knew you but my thoughts and prayers are with you and I hope you realize how much your dad meant to everyone.*

*Bye Smooth, you will truly be missed.*

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**Cindy Wells** - July 15, 2010 at 07:29 PM

RS

“ Smooth was a very nice man, we are sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Richard & Deborah Sledge** - July 15, 2010 at 07:16 PM

TF

“ I was truly blessed to have had the opportunity to meet Smooth. I always looked for his face throughout community functions, Walker County Rodeo, Folk Festival, and many more. He was a sweet, dearest friend of mine..and I will miss him sorely. I will always remember us taking a spin on the dance floor..I know he is up there now..two-stepping with the angels..Rest in peace, my friend..I'll be sure to sing one for you..Tisha.

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**Tisha Fore** - July 15, 2010 at 03:56 PM

DS

“ Theresa, your Dad will certainly be missed by so many people. It sure will be strange not seeing him around town. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Michael.May he rest in peace.

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**Donald & Lydia Martinez Schraeder** - July 15, 2010 at 12:32 PM

DO

“ Though I have been away from Huntsville longer than I ever lived there, I have vivid memories of Smooth that will always remain as I think about my time at SHSU. He was truly an icon in the community. My condolences.

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**David O'Neal** - July 15, 2010 at 12:22 PM

AR

“ Smooth Lawson was a fixture in Huntsville and truly a character who will be remembered. He was a kind and friendly person with a servant's heart. There is no telling how many volunteer hours he donated to our community. He will be missed. Condolences to his family.

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**Allan Rushing** - July 15, 2010 at 11:27 AM

CB

“ Teresa, My prayers are with you and your family. Your father will truly be missed in this community by many, many people. Remember the good times that will forever remain in your hearts.

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**Carolyn Goodrow Baker** - July 15, 2010 at 11:13 AM

BB

“ I met Smooth when I joined the Huntsville Volunteer Fire Dept in the late 70's. We crossed paths for many years while I was a Walker County deputy. "Smooth mouth" was quite a character with a big heart. He was quick to smile, quick to shake hands, and quick to help you if needed. I have fond memories of Smooth and the "Smooth mobile".

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**Byron Bush** - July 15, 2010 at 10:55 AM

KC

“ What a great guy! The city of Huntsville has lost a true patriot. I was working for TDC when I first met Smooth. The tales that he and Robert Stubblefield could tell. What a great man...he will be missed by myself and countless others that he touched in his many years.

*Karen Cruse*

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**Karen Cruse** - July 15, 2010 at 09:44 AM

VS

“ Tereasa, I am truly sorry for your loss. Your dad was a good guy and I always enjoyed talking to him. My deepest sympathy Vicci

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**vicci shook** - July 15, 2010 at 09:36 AM

CP

“Huntsville has lost a true Icon to the community. I can not think of a single person who has lived in Huntsville for any length of time that does not know Mr Smooth in some way! His friendly smile and warm handshake will be so greatly missed. He made a lasting impression on so many in this community!!! Please know that our thoughts and prayers go out to his family!!

*Charlie and Christie Perkins and family!!*

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**Charlie and Christie Perkins** - July 15, 2010 at 08:40 AM

DP

“Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you.

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**Danny and Pam** - July 14, 2010 at 09:44 PM

BW

“We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We got to know Smooth and Mary 30 years ago when Mary kept our twins...Heather and Heath. They were both very caring people. It will be a true loss for this county losing such a man that volunteered so much of his time.

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**Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather & Jason, Heath, Justin & Joanna Wiley** - July 14, 2010 at 05:21 PM

SS

“An extreme loss to the community. Smooth was always so sweet and full of conversation each time we were delighted with his presence. The Sam Houston Folk Festival will miss him terribly. I'm only appreciative that we got to spend this last festival with him. I'm quite sure that Shennanigans will miss him as well. So long Smooth.... we love you.

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**Sonya Marie Sanchez** - July 14, 2010 at 04:55 PM

MM

“ Smooth you will be a missed man. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this hard time.

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**Mike and LaWanda Morgan** - July 14, 2010 at 01:01 PM

NA

“ Huntsville has truly lost an amazing person. No matter how much time had gone by between us seeing each other. He always had a hug and how are you for me. I will miss him. It will not be the same going to places and not seeing Smooth. My prayers go out to his family. He was loved by us all.

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**Natasha** - July 14, 2010 at 12:51 PM

MB

“ It just seems like yesterday I was talking to him at the Veterans Museum. It makes me sad to think that was the last time I saw him...he was such a great man who volunteered so much of his time and knowledge to others. I thank him for his military service to our country. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Melissa Kimbrough Beardsley** - July 14, 2010 at 11:37 AM

DB

“ The Veterans Museum just won't be the same without him. What a character he was, and what character he had. God bless you, Teresa and Michael.

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**Donna Barron** - July 14, 2010 at 11:13 AM

DW

“ I am honored to have Smooth as my friend from the time I moved back to Huntsville in 1981. He always kept an eye out for me and my kids. He was a very special man and a very special person to me. His unconditional love for family and friends was amazing. We could and should all learn from him. I will miss him dearly.

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**Delana Wilson** - July 14, 2010 at 11:13 AM

RE

“ Sorry for your loss. Smooth was a great man and a dedicated volunteer. I always enjoyed talking to him at the Folk Festival, The County Fair and throughout Huntsville. He will be missed!

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**Rhonda Ellis** - July 14, 2010 at 10:51 AM

PN

“ Smooth devoted countless hours to the Sam Houston Memorial Museum, the General Sam Houston Folk Festival, and Sam Houston's "Raven Rangers." Smooth was as close to a genuine American frontier character as any of us are likely to meet. He might have served in Sam Houston's ranks at San Jacinto or walked the streets of "Lonesome Dove." All his friends in the New Army of the Republic of Texas remember how much he liked to fire the cannon at reenactments.

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**Patrick Nolan** - July 14, 2010 at 10:26 AM

DE

“ When I think of Smooth, I think of smiling and that big smile right back. He was an unsung volunteer hero to Walker County and the City of Huntsville, always there for you with that soft kind helping hand. That sweet face of his is reminder of a kindness and good heart that we all should strive to be. He adored his family both by birth and by friendship. He really had a special love for the world in general. I never knew a purer soul.

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**Dana Eckles** - July 14, 2010 at 09:25 AM

JB

“ Walker County has lost a true friend to all. It will be a sad memory at future events not to see Smooth helping out in his usual ways! He was a good man that never minded helping out anyone or any event that was in need. I know his family is so very proud of him and we will all miss him greatly. A better legacy cannot be found in Walker County!

*The Brinegar Family*

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**Jamie Ellisor Brinegar** - July 14, 2010 at 09:03 AM

AJ

“ Huntsville and Walker County has lost a dear friend and a dedicated volunteer. He will be missed. Our prayers are with the family.

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**Art & Jeannine Jacoby** - July 14, 2010 at 08:27 AM

SC

“ For the man who never met a stranger, who took care of me when I had nothing and let me stay at his home, who loved me unconditionally no matter how long it was between phone calls. He watched me come in to go to college in 1991 and stood outside my dorm everyday to walk me to class. He walkd me through a marriage, a divorce, a college graduation and all of my life. He was the most beautiful person, forgiving, loving and accepting, that I have ever known. The world is at a loss without him. He showed me all of his collections and his his passions. We worked the fair together for years. He had a way of roping me into that every year. Theresa and Micheal, I have missed him since I moved away and will miss knowing that he would be there if I popped into town. I know that you were such a close family and that he was everything to you. Him and my Papa are in heaven taking care of us and I am praying for you two. I truly am heartbroken that he is gone. You are like a sister to me and I want you to call me for anything at an time. Love you so much and thank you for sharing your special daddy with me. I was so blessed to have him as a special friend.

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**Shannon Clinard** - July 13, 2010 at 10:53 PM

CL

“ Teresa and Michael, we are thinking & praying for you during your loss. I have known H.B. (Smooth) all my life. When I was a little girl H.B. and his family lived behind us in Lovelady; he had several horses in his back pasture and he would always ride me around Lovelady on the horses. He will be missed. If you need anything, please let us know.

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**Connie & Tom LaRue** - July 13, 2010 at 09:46 PM

UJ

“ Snooth was a good man and will be missed. Stay strong for Michel and yall will make it ok. Hope to see you Friday Lord willing. Ive u

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**Uncle James** - July 13, 2010 at 08:06 PM

LB

“ Teresa as you know that You,Michael and rest of Family are in my prayers.We know H.B. has already seem all of my family (which are a lot) they will rejoice together and remember that he is in no more pain. Keep strong and God will see you through this. Love You,Aunt Lois

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**Lois Batchelor** - July 13, 2010 at 05:46 PM

SC

“ Smooth will really be missed. He devoted his life to volunteering for anything that Walker County needed. If the fair was rolling, Smooth was always around. I can't remember not even one time that I ever saw him and he didn't give me a hug. No matter where you were, what time it may be, you could always count on him to be there to help you out. I'll never forget everytime we would go to Bonzana's I would sing karaoke he would ask me to sing "GRANDPA" for him. I looked at him as my adopted grandpa. Thoughts and prayers are with Theresa and Michael.

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**Suzanne Castell** - July 13, 2010 at 04:48 PM

CJ

“ Teresa, Michael and family - Words cannot express the sadness and loss. Smooth was Carey's best friend and will be greatly missed.

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**Carey & Allyson Jordy** - July 13, 2010 at 04:46 PM

JH

“ Teresa and Michael, ya'll are in my prayers. He will be missed. As always, let me know if you need anything. HUGS to you.

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**Jennifer Hayes** - July 13, 2010 at 04:42 PM

WS

“ Our condolences to the family and our thoughts are with you all. My dad, Smooth, and the rest of the "Texan Coffee Gang" met for years, every morning and afternoon, to swap lies and tell tall tales (many of which, I'm afraid, were probably true!). My dad thought the world of Smooth. He came to my dad's funeral in 2007 and I thought that was the sweetest gesture. Huntsville has lost a true treasure.

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**Wendy & Nell Skains** - July 13, 2010 at 04:11 PM

BN

“ Smooth will be missed by many Huntsville residents. He was in the Fire Department with my Dad in the 50's. Since I moved by to Huntsville I have run into him in several places. He was a special gentleman. My prayers are with his family during this time of sorrow.

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**Beverly Conner Niederhofer** - July 13, 2010 at 03:27 PM

BH

“ I will miss him so. I am grateful for all he did for us and will always have fond memories.

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**Brenda Hooker** - July 13, 2010 at 02:24 PM

LW

“ From fighting for this Country to fighting fires to all his community volunteer projects to all his true friends he always gave it all. I will miss Smooth. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Lisa West** - July 13, 2010 at 01:37 PM

SM

“ We have lost a very dear and true friend. Smooth was one of a kind and so loved. His service to this community and the fire department that he served so faithfully are a great part of his legacy. He always had a hug for me and I will miss him so much. Theresa, my thoughts and prayers are with you and Michael. Please call on me if I can do anything for you.

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**Susan McGilberry** - July 13, 2010 at 01:19 PM

NJ

“ What a loss! No one will ever know how kind, helpful, and so many other things that H. B. Lawson did. He was from Lovelady and he STILL has so many friends here!!! We all loved him. I grew up with H. B. in Lovelady. May you rest in peace, my friend. Norma Dell (Monzingo) Jones, former SHSU Alumni Director

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**Norma Dell & Jerry D. Jones** - July 13, 2010 at 12:19 PM