



Robert "Bob" Earl Smith

October 9, 1927 - August 14, 2018

Robert Earl "Bob" Smith went to be with the Lord on August 14, 2018. He was born in Duncan, Oklahoma on October 9, 1927, the third child of Floyd Erastus Smith and Cassie Cleveland Smith. He grew up in the oil fields of Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and Illinois, where his father worked on drilling rigs. On July 20, 1947 in Carmi, Illinois he married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Yvonne Land. They shared more than 71 years of marriage during which three sons were born to them: Robert Land Smith, Phillip Scott Smith and Carter Blake Smith. In addition to his sons, Robert leaves behind three lovely daughters-in-law, (Sally, Susan and Rene). He is also survived by five grandchildren, (Sarah, Christie, Cassie, Amanda, and Blake), and was blessed with seven great-grandchildren, (Cooper and Everly, Reid and Austin, Elijah and Robert Earl, and Theodore). Additional joys in his life were his sister, Jeanette Smith Barnett, and her family. He was especially close also to his sister-in-law, Frances Land Whitehead, and other members of the Land Family. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Gladys Straughmatt, his brother Floyd Smith, and one great-grandchild Elijah Seelbach.

In 1951, Bob graduated from the University of Oklahoma and maintained a love for the school all his life, serving for a few years as President of the Houston OU Club. His first employment after graduation was as an accountant with Arthur Andersen & Co. in Houston, from which he entered the

oil and gas industry by joining one of their clients. He later pursued various oil & gas endeavors which eventually led to the founding of Weatherford International. Bob was a founding member of Memorial Bank of Houston, and for several years was a board member for the Allied Bank of Texas. After many years in Houston, he moved in 1990 to his Lake Livingston property in San Jacinto County, where in 1994, he was elected County Judge and served one term. In 2000, Bob and Shirley moved to Bentwater on Lake Conroe where he retired.

Bob and Shirley were active in their church throughout their marriage. In their early years in Houston, Bob and Shirley joined St. Paul's Methodist Church and later became charter members of Memorial Drive Methodist Church, where Bob served as Treasurer and later was Board Chairman. For the past 15 years, they have been members of the North Shore Church in Bentwater.

Bob leaves behind a loving circle of family and friends that were touched and blessed with his presence in their lives. He will be missed!

Funeral services will be Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM at North Shore Church, 18501 W. FM 1097, Montgomery, TX 77356. Flowers are welcome or donations may be made in his memory to the North Shore Building Fund. You may leave written condolences at www.shmfh.com

Previous Events

Funeral services

AUG 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

North Shore Church
18501 W FM 1097
Montgomery, TX 77356

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Earl Smith*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Sympathies to the Smith family.
Love you Carter.*

John

John - September 07, 2018 at 11:18 PM



“ *Robert Earl Smith, a family member of mine, who has made a great impact in my life. With my great -grandmother, grandmother, and brother now, in Heaven,,,, and forever in my heart.*

Lori Inman

Lori Inman - August 29, 2018 at 11:37 AM

JB

“ Dear Shirley...I met you and Bob when he was the CEO of Dixel Industries...way back and I was a young Securities Broker in Houston. Our relationship continued for many years and I always thought very highly of Bob and his company. Dixel eventually became Weatherford Int'l and there were many people that I knew from those companies. John Hoff and Tom Remp, both deceased were good friends as well. I have fond memories of Bob and of all the ups and downs of the oil and gas service business over the years. I enjoyed knowing Bob and am glad to read that he had a long and successful retirement.
Please accept my prayers for God's peace and comfort for you and your family.
Jay Brown

Jay Brown - August 22, 2018 at 04:00 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Smith.



August 17, 2018 at 03:44 PM

JJ

“ Jimmy M. Jones lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Earl Smith



Jimmy M. Jones - August 16, 2018 at 11:24 AM

CB

“ Cathy Baker lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Earl Smith



Cathy Baker - August 16, 2018 at 10:15 AM

CB

“ The first time we met, I actually had to do a double take because I thought my Father had walked into the room, and he had been gone for almost 20 years. They were strikingly similar from their size, their stature, their personalities and those blue eyes.

When talking with Bob, he had a wonderful manner that made you feel like the most important person in the room. An incredible man in so many ways, Bob had a commanding presence without the ego.

He and Shirley would have made a fine President and First Lady, but Bob was too smart to have ever wanted to go there.

With his intelligence, his wit, his grace and his charm, he was the Real Deal.

Not physically, but by character, he was a giant of a man. He will be so dearly missed by so many, until one day when we can see him again in God's Great Kingdom.

Rest in peace, my dear friend.

Cathy Baker and husband Andy

Cathy Baker - August 16, 2018 at 10:13 AM

KG

“ *Kathy Grimberg purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Earl Smith.*



Kathy Grimberg - August 15, 2018 at 09:45 PM