



Robert "Bob" Joseph Smith

December 15, 1936 - October 8, 2020

Robert Joseph "Bob" Smith, 83, of Pilot Point, TX, passed away Thursday, October 8, 2020, in Pilot Point, TX. Bob was born December 15, 1936, in Catching, MS, to Fentress and Lucille (Poche) Smith and grew up in Lafayette, LA. He married Betty Weller on August 29, 1959 in Glen Allan, MS. They were married for 61 wonderful years. Everyone he met he told of his love for Betty and always said, "I don't know what I'd do without that girl!"

Bob graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1958 with a major in history and economics. After his marriage to Betty in 1959, they lived in Meridan, MS, where he was a salesman for Proctor and Gamble. They moved back to the Mississippi Delta in 1967 after he began losing his sight.

Bob surrendered to the ministry in 1972 and preached in several towns in the Mississippi Delta and northeastern Tennessee before moving to Texas in 1989. In addition to leading his home church, he loved traveling throughout the mid south visiting different churches and telling people of the unsearchable reaches of Christ. He was influential on his family and friends by the life he lived and the gospel he preached. And through his preaching he saw many people come to know Christ as his or her Lord and Savior. He was constantly studying scripture and remarkably able to deliver a sermon by memory. He said what he believed whether popular or not!

He was an avid sports fan who never missed a game his kids played in whether basketball, football, or baseball. He could recite the stats and history of many players and coaches no matter the teams! A ballgame was usually playing in the background. If he wasn't studying or watching sports he was probably wheeling and dealing for a new car. He loved to trade cars! Bob also enjoyed movies and musicals, and liked nothing better than singing hymns with gusto no matter where he happened to be! He appreciated good humor and was not above engaging in good natured pranks.

Bob was dearly loved by his family and friends, many of whom he led to a knowledge of or a closer walk with God. Now, he is finally face to face with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and is experiencing first hand all that he taught and believed.

Bob is survived by his wife, Betty; sons, Ted Smith and wife, Valerie of Leland, MS, and Randy Smith of Pilot Point, TX; daughters, Amanda White and husband, Sam of Celina, TX, and Elizabeth Bobo and husband, Greg of Frisco, TX; grandchildren, Jeff Watson and wife, Tiffany; Rachael Bowers and husband, Jeff; Grace Watson; Abby Moody and husband, Dillon; Josh Smith and wife, Britany; Taylor Kelly and husband, Read; Jack Bobo and wife, Darby, and Hayden Bobo; great-grandchildren, Mandy Kate, Luke and Mary Katherine Watson, Maddie Smith and Lilah Kelly; sister, Anne Schmidt and husband, Charles of Chattanooga, TN; and niece, Marlene Schmidt.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Fentress and Lucille Smith; and his sons, Clay Smith and Bob Smith.

Visitation will be held 4:00-6:00 PM, Saturday, October 10, 2020, at Mustang Baptist Church in Pilot Point, TX. There will be a second visitation held 3:00-4:00 PM, Monday, October 12, 2020 at Lake Washington Baptist Church in Glen Allan, MS, with a memorial service immediately following officiated by

Jeff Parker and Jeff Watson. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Phyllis Stout and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mustang Baptist Church
13335 Mustang Rd.
Pilot Point, TX 76258

Visitation

OCT **12.** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Lake Washington First Baptist Church
1068 Lake Washington Rd E
Glen Allan, MS 38744

Memorial

OCT **12.** 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PB

“ Dear Betty... I just read of Bob's passing. I was so sorry to hear of my dear friend's death. He was a long time brother-in-Christ. Be assured of Susan and my prayers for you!

Paul Blanchard

Paul Blanchard - November 09, 2020 at 04:09 PM

DH

“ Bob Smith was one of the most phenomenal preachers i have ever known. We became friends back in 1990 and stayed close to the end. He love the story about "Shoulda Boughta Honda" and would say when he would call. Rip my friend.

David Hanna - October 16, 2020 at 10:44 AM

GP

“ Gary Pierce lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Joseph Smith



gary pierce - October 13, 2020 at 08:27 PM

JS

“ Our family has been blessed by knowing Bro. Bob and Betty. They have encouraged us to grow closer to Christ in many ways. Ben is sick and we're not able to be with you during this time. God bless

Jeffrey Brewer Sayle - October 11, 2020 at 10:37 PM

LM

“ lanny M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Smith.



lanny M. - October 11, 2020 at 01:27 PM

MB

“ I was 13 when I accepting Christ and Bro. Bob is the one that baptized me at lake washington 1st baptist. That day I cried and was shaking so bad, Bro Bob took me to his office and said "God wants you". I still remember that like it was yesterday. Peace for all of you. Such great memories of true Godly man .

Misty Heigle Bonds

Misty Heigle Bonds - October 11, 2020 at 11:51 AM

MV

“ Brother Bob was such a wonderful man of God! His sweet spirit was apparent to all who met him! He and Betty were such an inspiration!

Margie Moore Vasquez - October 10, 2020 at 09:47 PM

MC

*Bro Bob had a contagious love for Jesus! Blessed to have called him "my pastor!"
Love to you, Betty and family!!*

Mary Cooper - October 13, 2020 at 07:29 PM

ER

“ I only knew him from attending Mustang Baptist Church Everytime I touched him he touched me with his love for God I know he will be greatly missed. by many RIP with our great Lord and Savior Brother Bob



Ernie Riley - October 10, 2020 at 04:45 PM

VW

“ I haven't known Bro. Bob as long as most people, but in the short time I have he has been such an inspiration and Christian example to me. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for Mrs. Betty and the family! Verna Worthey

Verna Worthey - October 10, 2020 at 10:21 AM

JG

“ I can be in Betty as well. Such incredible people with so much joy and love despite life. Very fond memories with them. My family is from Mississippi so there was also an immediate connection. He was a true pastor not just a preacher. Both he and Betty flowed with the Holy Spirit. I'm so thankful for their love and wisdom. I have missed them both since moving away from Texas. Brother Bob 'saw' more than 99% of people in this life and understood deeper things of the spiritual battle. How precious is his physical death to the Lord!!! Holy holy holy is the Lord God almighty!!! Betty, know you are loved immensely. Jill Sheridan-Gonzalez

Jill Sheridan Gonzalez - October 10, 2020 at 08:19 AM

MM

“ I am sorry I didn't really know Mr Smith but I knew he was on the prayer list at church. He was the father of my friend Ted Smith. And Father in law of my friend Valarie Clements Smith. I didn't know him but felt like I did through the writings of people that knew him best. I loved reading the stories and because we shared the Knowledge of Knowing Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord we had kindred spirits. Prayers to all the family for peace and comfort as you go through this time. Not easy this side of heaven and our burden and sorrows are real. However as Mr Smith would say and agree to “ Our present sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed to us” Romans 8:18 .. Rest in knowing the glory has been revealed to him this very day. Streets of gold and a mansion especially made for him. John 14:2 .. Amen 🙏👉❤️

Melvin Moore - October 10, 2020 at 02:37 AM

JH

“ Brother Bob preached many funerals, and he was the best that I ever heard as he always worked God's plan of salvation into his message. He was special and a blessing to us all. Joel Henderson

Joel Henderson - October 09, 2020 at 09:40 PM

WH

“ Bob really was a practical joker! Once when he and my husband David were out visiting during the day of a revival, David put on Bob's sunshades and took Bob's cane and they walked to the car. It appeared that Bob was leading "blind" David. David got in the driver's seat while Bob got in the back seat. Needless to say, they got a lot of stares as David drove them off! But Bob was as serious as he could be when it came to sharing the Gospel. I was saved under his preaching and I am eternally grateful for his commitment to Christ. We'll miss him dearly, but we'll see him again!

Wanda Hanna - October 09, 2020 at 09:39 PM

AA

“ I remember double- dating with Bob and Betty when we were attending MSCW. And years later, after he lost his sight, we visited them when they lived in the Mississippi Delta. Bob served us coffee, and it fascinated me that he did that when he couldn't see the cups! He was a devout and focused Christian, with a faith that never wavered even with the tragic loss of two of their sons. I can imagine him now, reunited with them and all of the people who left this life before him. You will be missed on this earth, dear Bob, but we celebrate the regaining of your sight in the arms of your boys. "Ms. Betty" gonna be missin' you BIG time!

Aimee Allen - October 09, 2020 at 08:15 PM

CO

“ I thank God for his special friendship and his impact in my life. He was willing to spend time and invest his love & wisdom in the life of a young preacher/coach. May God's presence, peace and power overwhelm y'all as you celebrate his legacy. Tim & Sandra Hodges

coach opt - October 09, 2020 at 07:01 PM