



## Kenneth Smith

July 8, 1940 - July 10, 2008

Services for Kenneth L. Smith, 67, of Bullard, are scheduled for Friday, July 13, 2007 at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Dr. Forest Smith and Dr. Mark Price officiating. Burial will follow in the Cathedral In The Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Smith passed away, Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at the Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. He was born July 8, 1940 in Tyler, TX to the late Dee and Bessie Smith. He was a faithful member and teacher at Southside Baptist Church. Kenneth was born and raised in Tyler and a graduate of Tyler High School, class of 1958 and went on to Tyler Junior College after serving 3 years in the US Army. He worked for the Tyler Post Office for 23 years retiring in 1992 after serving as a Postmaster of Oakwood and Fairfield. Kenneth sang in the Senior Moments Gospel Quartet. He enjoyed singing, had a passion for studying the Bible and most of all loved spending time with his family. Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gayle Smith, Murrell Smith, and Waymond "Joy" Smith. Kenneth is survived by his loving family including his wife of 45 years, Carol Smith of Bullard; three sons, David Smith and wife Karol of Keller, Danny Smith and wife Robin of Whitehouse, and Dee Smith and wife Judy of Whitehouse; six grandchildren, Hope, Payton, McKenlee, Drew, Tanner, and Tristan; brother, Marlin and wife Pat of Athens; and numerous neices and nephews. Pallbearers will be The Deacons of Southside Baptist Church. Honorary Pallbearers will be "The Noah" Men's Class at Southside Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 6:00 -

8:00 PM Thursday, July 12, 2007, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Kenneth may be made to Southside Baptist Church or a Church/Charity of your choice. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

JY

“ Carol, Forrest, Glenda and Family,  
I was shocked and saddened to hear the news. As a nervous young girl, I had the honor of playing the organ with Kenneth as the music director during Sunday School at Central Baptist Church while Glenda played the piano. He was always so kind and encouraging to me. The following well known poem truly expresses my gratitude to Kenneth Smith for allowing me to be "In His Dash":

*I'm Glad You Were In My Dash*

*I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on his tombstone,  
From the beginning...to the end.  
He noted that first came his date of birth  
And spoke the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years.  
(1940 - 2007)  
For that dash represents all the time  
That he spent alive on earth . . .  
And now only those who loved him  
Know what that little line is worth.  
For it matters not, how much we own;  
The cars . . . the house . . . the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.  
So think about this long and hard . . .  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left,  
That can still be rearranged.  
If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real,  
And always try to understand  
The way other people feel  
And be less quick to anger,*

*And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.  
If we treat each other with respect,  
And more often wear a smile..  
Remembering that this special dash  
Might only last a little while.  
So, when your eulogy's being read  
With your life's actions to rehash...  
Would you be proud of the things they say  
About how you spent your dash?*

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**Jane Ann Young** - July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SK

“*Carol, I have lost touch with you over the years, but I want you to know that your family is in my prayers.*

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**Sandra Kurtz** - July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ES

“*Marlin was sweet enough to let me know that Kenneth had passed away. Please know that you are all in our prayers. I'll see my dad today, and share this news with him.*

*All our love,  
Ellena Anne and R.W.Doyle*

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**Ellena Anne Doyle Sepesi** - July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I spent today remembering some of the stories and jokes that Uncle Kenneth would tell. I also thought about his wonderful singing and what a happy day it must be in heaven to welcome him to God's choir! He was a shining example of a good christian man, a devoted husband and loving father. He was so proud of his grandkids and loved to talk about them. He would light up a room when he walked in. I will always remember his laughing eyes and that mischevious grin. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Donna Bevel** - July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Ken will surely be missed. He was a good example of what a postal employee should be, always happy and such an optimist. Such a blessing just to have known Ken Smith.

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**Ann Lewis** - July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My Uncle Kenneth was the epitome of "Joy". He always had a smile and laugh. From that, I always knew he was a Godly man and a family man. I am saddened by his passing, but am also comforted that he has just been placed in the presence of God. I wish I could attend the memorial service, but please know that I am lifting the family in my prayers. We will miss him, but know that he is with the Lord in a better place.

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**Sterling G. Smith** - July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Ken always had a smile on his face and a word to say. I worked with him in Tyler years ago. He was one of those people who was always fun to be around.

*I know you will miss him and it is a sad time now, but I imagine Ken already has someone in Heaven laughing.*

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**Rickey Williams** - July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ Dee, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I actually knew him before we started working together. He was a great guy who came in and taught me a few things about working for the Postal Service. I will truly miss him coming in with that big smile of his. You, your Mom and the rest of the family are in my prayers during this sad time. God Bless each and everyone of you!

*Cheryl*

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**Cheryl Zavala** - July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM