



Robert Smith,

December 9, 1919 - May 27, 2012

Services for Robert Lee “Bob” Smith, Jr. 92 of Tyler, will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 1:00 PM at Southern Oaks Baptist Church with Rev. Pat Cummins and Rev. Herbert Buie officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Smith passed away May 27, 2012 in Tyler. He was born December 9, 1919 in Birmingham, Alabama to Robert Lee, Sr., and Kate C. Chestnutt Smith. Bob was a WWII Army veteran serving a tour of duty in France. He was a founding member of Southern Oaks Baptist Church and held the first church meetings in his household in 1957. Bob was very active in the softball and athletics programs, using those as a ministry to reach others. This was a mission Smith prided himself with. Bob was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Gretchen Smith, Braxton Boone, and Albert and Dick Snell; and daughter-in-law, Sandra Smith. He is survived by a loving family including his wife of 69 ½ years, Minnie Smith of Tyler; sons, Kenneth Smith of Van, Danny Smith and wife Cathe of Tyler and Mickey Smith of Tyler; grandchildren, Marshall, Chad, Blake and Spencer Smith, Brandi Tidwell, Leanne Carey, and Matthew Smith; and by great-grandchildren, Olivia Smith, Jocelyn Harper Smith, Evelyn Grace Smith, Dalton Smith and Jackson Smith. Pallbearers will be Marshall Smith, Chad Smith, Spencer Smith, Matthew Smith, Darwin Smith and Jerry Scott. Honorary pallbearers will be past and present Southern Oaks softball team. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 –8:00 PM on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. If

desired, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas, 66675.

Tribute Wall

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“ Some of my fondest memories are of practicing and playing softball for Southern Oaks Baptist with Bob involved. I think he only loved his God and family more than softball. Minnie, Kenneth, Danny and Micky, he left a long trail of friends and memories. God bless you all at this time.

Garry Smith - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Danny:*
Sorry to hear about your dad.

Stanley Waghalter - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM