



Willard Preston Smith Jr.

August 22, 1965 - August 1, 2015

Memorial services for Willard Preston Smith, Jr., 49, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, August 7, 2015, at 10:30 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Milton Gardner and Rev. Pat Alvey officiating.

A private burial will be held prior to the service at Mason Cemetery in Arp, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Preston Smith passed away Saturday, August 1, 2015, in Tyler.

He was born August 22, 1965 in Plainview, Texas to Willard Preston, Sr. and Priscilla Couch Smith.

Preston was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church. He graduated from Longview High School. Mr. Smith was the Commercial and Retail Manager for Batteries Plus, Tyler, TX.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by both parents, Willard and Priscilla Smith.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Angela Smith; sons, Grant Smith and Chad Smith, all of Tyler; sisters, Twanna Lee and husband Robert of Alvin, Stephanie Lattorre and husband Mark of Round Rock, Heather Lockhart and husband Clint of Tyler; brother, Kelly Smith and wife Sherry of Overton; nieces and nephews, Sean Lee and wife Micah, Corey Lee, Hannah, Madison and Mason Lattorre, Paige and Blake and Kristian Smith; great-niece, Raelynn Lee;

father and mother-in-law, David and Nina Kindred of Tyler; brother-in-law, Russell Kindred and wife Mary of Chicago, Il; brother-in-law, Darren Kindred and wife Dawn of Yardley, PA.; nieces, Amanda Kindred and Lexi and Josie

Kindred.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to Green Acres Praise Alive Student Choir Fund, 1607 Troup Highway, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Cemetery Details

Mason Cemetery

21800 CR 252
Arp, TX 75750

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Mem. Service

AUG 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EB

“ with our deepest sympathy Gene and Alice Brown

Eugene Brown - August 07, 2015 at 08:54 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Willard Preston Smith Jr..



August 07, 2015 at 12:18 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willard Preston Smith Jr..



August 06, 2015 at 09:05 PM

JR

“ Precious Angie & Boys,
How awesome to have had such a gentle spirit as Preston to share your lives with. With Lobo Pride the Class of 1983 wanted to thank you for sharing him. We will miss him dearly but God knew best.

Best regards always!

The Longview High School Class of 1983

Class reunion committee members

Joyce, Darlene, Kelly, Trace, Stevie, Felecia and Ronnie

joyce rusk - August 06, 2015 at 04:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willard Preston Smith Jr..*



August 06, 2015 at 04:16 PM



“ *Angie and boys, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Preston will truly be missed. May God be with you in these days ahead. Martha West*

Martha - August 06, 2015 at 02:11 PM



“ *Angie, Grant and chad, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Carol Ivey

Carol Ivey - August 06, 2015 at 01:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Willard Preston Smith Jr..*



August 06, 2015 at 12:28 PM

RS

“ *Genuine..that is what stands out it my mind when I think of Preston. If he asked how you were doing, what the kids were up to or how he could help he wasn't just asking to be polite, he meant it, he cared! Prayers of calm, strength and comfort for you, Grant, and Chad during this tough time. Love, Robin Smith & Family*

Robin Smith - August 06, 2015 at 07:22 AM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Willard Preston Smith Jr..*



August 05, 2015 at 07:07 PM

CC

“ *Preston was a special and talented man. Every time he worked the sound system I knew I would be able to hear everything just right. Not only was he a great sound technician, he was a friend to so many and made everyone feel special. He will be truly missed. Angie, you are in my thoughts and prayers. You know I've been down this road and am willing to do anything to help you. Love you.*

Carolyn Clute

"Because God loves us so much His mercies are never ending, they are new every morning. Great is His faithfulness." Lev. 3:22

Carolyn Clute - August 05, 2015 at 02:41 PM

DS

“ Sincere sympathies to Angie and the boys. I can only imagine the shock and pain you must be dealing with, but I know you will get through this and, in doing so, you will become stronger and more resilient than you ever thought you could be.

My father, Willard Angell, passed away when he was just 49, after several years with progressively advancing cancer. As a teenager I had to step up and help my mother manage the house, look after my younger sister and our pets and get myself to school and activities. I had to re-evaluate my plans for college and my future. It was an adjustment but I just tried to do what he would have wanted me to do.

When I wasn't sure or needed help, I was fortunate to have a strong network of close family and friends who were willing to help, as you do. Don't hesitate to reach out to them and let them help you. Sometimes they just don't know what to do, or don't want to intrude.

Sending you prayers and best wishes as you find your way through this difficult time.

Deborah Angell Smith - August 05, 2015 at 01:58 PM

CG

“ Prayers from the Marshburn Family



Carol Gray - August 05, 2015 at 12:31 PM

MR

“ We loved Preston!! He was just an awesome guy! He loved his family and his friends and was extra fond of his Sammy dog. He always had a smile or a story or a recipe to share. We will miss him!! Just know that our family is praying for all of you as you walk this journey.

Randy and Michelle Rix

Michelle Rix - August 05, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Willard Preston Smith Jr..



August 05, 2015 at 11:44 AM

PA

“ Prayers to you guys. May God cover you with His arms & give you strength. I will be here for you. Love in Him Paula Kimmey

paula - August 05, 2015 at 10:36 AM

ME

“ Absent from the body, present with the Lord. Angie, I'm praying for you and the boys.

Mike Edwards

Mike Edwards - August 05, 2015 at 09:26 AM

PS

“ Parks families, Russell, Teresa, Randy, Neil & Steven purchased the Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Willard Preston Smith Jr..



Parks families, Russell, Teresa, Randy, Neil & Steven -
August 04, 2015 at 10:46 PM

LF

“ Words can not express the void that is left in the hearts of so many that were touched by Preston. It's not goodbye, it's see you soon.

Lattorre family - August 04, 2015 at 06:53 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Willard Preston Smith Jr..



August 04, 2015 at 05:09 PM



“ Garden To Go Basket was purchased for the family of Willard Preston Smith Jr..



August 04, 2015 at 12:39 PM



“ Angie & boys, so sorry for your loss. God is our Jehovah Jireh and will provide the strength and comfort you need during this time. We will all see each other again soon in our forever home, Heaven! Praying for all of you!
Sharon Howell

Sharon Howell - August 04, 2015 at 11:17 AM

AF

“ Annie Schroder & Families lit a candle in memory of Willard Preston Smith Jr.

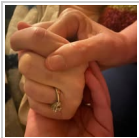


Annie Schroder & families - August 03, 2015 at 08:28 PM

AS

I'm praying that our mighty GOD is wrapping his mighty arms around the family as they' are grieving the loss of a special MAN. Extra prayers for you Angie, Grant and Chad. We love you, Annie Schroder & families

Annie Schroder - August 03, 2015 at 08:37 PM



“ There are few men I know that could hold a candle to this man. Always a smile, a hug and I love you Shan-Shan. Preston, you will be missed. Tell everyone that you're celebrating with up there hello and I love and miss them!



Shannon Cure - August 03, 2015 at 08:21 PM

CF

“ Couch, Couch, & Cure Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Willard Preston Smith Jr..



Couch, Couch, & Cure Families - August 03, 2015 at 06:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willard Preston Smith Jr..



August 03, 2015 at 05:32 PM

UC

“ I bet he is asking a million-billion questions!!!

Uncle Jimmy and Uncle Carol - August 03, 2015 at 05:11 PM

UC

“ Uncle Jimmy And Uncle Carol lit a candle in memory of Willard Preston Smith Jr.



Uncle Jimmy and Uncle Carol - August 03, 2015 at 05:08 PM