



## Barbara Ann Smith

March 12, 1933 - March 14, 2011

A celebration of life service for Barbara Smith, 78, of Henderson, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 17, 2011 at First Baptist Church with Reverend Bill Tisdale officiating. Mrs. Smith passed away March 14, 2011 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. She was born March 12, 1933 in Henderson and was a lifetime resident of Henderson. Barbara built her life around her husband, her children, and her church. She was an active member of the choir at First Baptist Church from the days of her youth until present time. Teaching young people in Sunday school was truly a passion. Through her many years of service she taught kindergarten children, middle school students, and high school students. Mrs. Smith was a Past President of the First Baptist Church WMU and took an active role in mission trips throughout her life. During summer months each year, she worked in Vacation Bible School. As a church member, she also delighted in chaperoning youth trips and activities. She was involved in the prayer ministry and served on many committees in the church. Barbara was a longtime member of the Henderson Woman's Forum where she served as a Past President. Family will receive friends immediately following the service in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by: parents, John and Truman Wright; and sister and brother-in-law, Neva Nelle and Adrian Burk. Survivors include: husband, A. Gene Smith; son, Steve Smith; daughter, Gena Gardiner and husband Phil, all of Henderson; and one grandchild, Elizabeth Propes and husband Randy of Henderson. Pallbearers will be Carl Propes, Ricky Sadler, Clay Wilder, Ricky

Parker, Scott Waller, Tolbert Pitman, Lee Dale Wallace, Clay Gossett, Larry Christian, Eugene Alford, and Tim Ashmore. Honorary pallbearers will be the Henderson High School Class of 1951. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church at 207 W. Main St. Henderson, TX 75652, Henderson ISD Education Foundation at 200 N. High St. Henderson, TX 75652, or a charity of your choice. Condolences may be made at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com)

# Previous Events

## visitation

MAR 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
207 W. Main St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with your family at this time of loss. I have many fond memories of Mrs. Smith having grown up in FBC & also singing with her for many years in the church choir. She always stood out with her beautiful smile & her sweet Christian spirit. Love in Christ,Debbie Ashby Payne*

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**Debbie Ashby Payne** - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Dear Mr. Gene, Gena, Steve, and Elizabeth - We love you and you are in our prayers.*

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**Charlie & Holli Bridges & girls** - March 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you.Barbara was a spirit who always made me feel appreciated and loved. I aspire to that gift.*

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**Bruce Tate** - March 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ *Gene, Steve and Gina, My deepest expression of sympathy in the loss of your beloved Barbara. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Treasure the memories as she left so many wonderful ones to hang onto. Bob & Nelwyn Richardson*

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**Nelwyn Richardson** - March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *I will keep you all in my prayers. Barbara was a special person and will be dearly missed.*

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**kevin tankersley** - March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Gena Lyn - Am so sorry to learn you have lost your mom; know it is a shock. Wanted you to know that I am thinking of you. Give my best to Steve and your dad and a special best wish for Phil. Love you lots, Joe Hudson

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**m. Joe Hudson** - March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ As former staffers and members of FBC we're affected by the knowledge of Barbara's death. We loved her. Our lives were enriched by knowing her. Oh, grave, where is thy victory

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**Jesse and Kittie Cowling** - March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ Please accept our condolences at this time. Barbara was always such a pleasant and caring person. We will keep you in our hearts and prayers.

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**Naomi Smith Dukes** - March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ To the Smith Family:Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May God give you peace and strength.Roy & Peggy Hunt

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**Roy & Peggy Hunt** - March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

YM

“ Gene, Gena, and Steve: We were greatly saddened to hear of Barbara's death. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. Love, Yvonne, Karen, and Marla

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**Yvonne Dorsey, Karen and Marla** - March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Gena, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Your mother sounds like an amazing woman who lived a life of commitment to her family and her church, something I admire and respect so much. So many of the wonderful qualities that I read about her here I also see in you. With love, Laurie

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**Laurie Norton** - March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I am sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Mary Leathers** - March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom must have been a very special lady.

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**Linda Alford** - March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Like many, my life was touched by Barbara while worshipping together at FBC. She was so positive and friendly. You certainly had a #1 role model. My prayers are with you.

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**Anita Rumbo Hays** - March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I've said before, "If I could just be more like Barbara Ann!" She took care of my children when my grandparents were ill. She was with me when my mother died. She was always doing something for someone else. One day, we'll all be together again, and we'll spend eternity praising Him. My deepest love to Gena, Gina, and Steve. In Christ Alone...betsy

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**Betsy Dunnavant** - March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Barbara was a wonderful lady.*

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**Elizabeth Brown Bow** - March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Gene, my heartfelt sorrow for you and your family. Losing our partners and soul mates is not an easy journey. I am so sorry you are all having to take that path. I'm sending all of our love from Chris and Kristin as well as myself. I will keep you all in my prayers.*

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**Jean Williams** - March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Gene, Gena and Steve, Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of Barbara. She was such a special lady and we will miss her greatly. Sincerely.*

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**Mozelle Duncan, Ronnie and Patsy Morrison** - March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *My precious Gena.....I am so terribly sorry to hear that you have lost your mother. YOU are such a beautiful legacy that Barbara leaves behind. I love you dearly. Pat Webber*

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**Pat Webber** - March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *I am so sorry to read of Barbara's death. She was a dear person who touched many lives. You have my deepest sympathy. Susan Burk Stevens*

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**Susan Burk Stevens** - March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My sympathy to Barbara's family. I remember singing in the HHS Choir with Barbara. I followed her voice so that I could stay on key.Be comforted by His Loving Spirit.Sincerely,Jo Ann O. Miller

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**Jo Ann Miller** - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ Sending my deepest sympathy and condolences at this time of loss. I want you to know that I amthinking of the family and remembering each inmy prayers. You will be in my thoughts and heart.With love and blessings for peace and comfort. Pat

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**Pat Vernon** - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I'm keeping Barbara's family in my thoughts and prayers. I went to high school with Barbara.

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**Jackie Painter** - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM