



Basil E. Hill

February 13, 1938 - February 22, 2012

Funeral services for Mr. Basil Edward Hill, 74, of Henderson, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 25, 2012, at Calvary Baptist Church in Henderson with Rev. Bill Kuykendall, Rev. Steve Butler, and Rev. Brian Hill officiating. Interment will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday, February 24, 2012, in the chapel of Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home. Basil entered Heaven February 22, 2012 in Tyler, TX. He was born February 13, 1938 in Oak Grove, LA to the late Ellis Hill and Rosa Mae Hill Valentine. Basil and his family relocated to Henderson in December of 1975. He was a barber and the former owner at 20th Century Hair Designs, and was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church for 36 years where he loved being a greeter. Basil never met a stranger, and enjoyed sharing his faith to anyone who was willing to listen. Though he battled numerous types of cancer for almost 30 years, Basil was a constant encourager. He routinely called and visited with those who were sick or home bound. Basil's passions were his children and grandchildren. His legacy will live on through them. A veteran of the United States Air Force, Basil spent much of his time volunteering with various civic organizations such as Heritage Syrup Festival, Henderson Depot Museum, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Joe Craig Youth Project Show, and the East Texas Antique Tractor Club. He formerly served the Henderson Lions Club as a President and served Texas Lions Club as Zone Chairman for District 2-S1. He sponsored numerous children to attend the

Texas Lions Camp for children in Kerrville, TX and was a recipient of the Jack Wiech Fellow Award for Texas Lions Camp for Children. He was a charter member and an officer of the Rusk County National Wild Turkey Federation. Most recently, Basil was nominated for the Henderson Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award. Basil was preceded in death by his parents, Ellis Hill and Rosa Mae Hill Valentine; two sons Eddie Hill and Mark Hill. Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Genieva Cooper Hill of Henderson; sons, Steve Hill and wife Carol of Land of Lakes, FL, and Brian Hill and wife Janet of Mission Viejo, CA; a daughter, Denise Hill Booker and husband Steven of Henderson, TX; grandchildren, Lindsey Hill, Landon Hill, Tanner Hill, Natalie Hill, Pearson Booker, and Kaemyn Booker; numerous brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Pallbearers will be Jerry Melton, Dee Taylor, Bobby Brown, Larry Luce, Jim Whatley, Dalton Jones, David Mansinger, Dr. Sandy Ladage, and Tom Pharr. Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Henderson Lion Club. Memorials may be sent in Mr. Hill's name to Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund or the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be made online at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

visitation

FEB **24**. 6:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

service

FEB **25**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
410 N. Marshall St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Just wanted to send my condolences to your entire family. Basil cut our hair more than 30 years ago and we always remembered him fondly. Having recently moved back home, we have been constantly reminded of Basil's goodness and kindness through my family who have gone to church with the Hill family for many years. As my mother has been fighting her own health battle, she has been uplifted by Basil and his journey through his illness. There is no doubt that Heaven is rejoicing though his earthly family are grieving. May God give you all peace and comfort and you grieve Basil.

Richard and Sandra (Gaddy) Merritt - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Mrs. Geniva and Family,I am sorry about Bro. Basil he will be very much missed. I will miss seeing him at church and like many getting a hug from him. He was very loved. We are thinking about all of you and praying for your family. Love to you all.Debra and Holly

Debra Dorsey - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I met Mr. Basil when I was in my teens and he always took the time to speak to me as if he had all the time in the world to talk. How special he was!

Linda Coleman - February 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Basil was a good man and I know that his personal family as well as his church family will truly miss him. Our prayers are with all of you at this time of need.

Jeff and Beverly Hare - February 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ TO THE HILL FAMILY I AM VERY SORRY OF THE OF YOUR LOVED ONE I NOW HE IS WITH THE ANGEL HE HAD TOUCHED OUR HEART WE ARE GOING TO MISS HIM I REMEMBER WHEN I MET HIM 11 YEARS AGO WHEN I MOVED FROM MARYLAND HE CUT MY HAIR RIGHT FROM THE FIRST DAY I MET HIM IT FELT LIKE I HAD KNOWED HIM ALL MY LIFE MY HUSBAD IS FROM HERE HE GOT ME GOING TO HIM.I FELT LIKE HE WAS A ANGET THAN .AND MRS HILL IS VERY SPIECHAL .I WILL MISS SEEING HIM VERY MUCH MY PRAYERS WILL WITH YOU

DAVID&JANIE DIXON - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Our condolences go out to Basil's family. He was such a kind person and a good family man and a great friend. We will miss him tremendously.*

Tom & Linda Pharr - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Ray & Judy Hartenstein - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To Basil's dear family, Courtnee and I attended a baby shower several months ago. It was on Sunday afternoon, so we surprised our friends and showed up for church Sunday morning! The first face we saw and first hand we shook was Basil's. It had been quite a few years since we'd seen him, we hadn't been to Henderson on a Sunday or back to Calvary since Courtnee got married. Basil pointed out where Terri and Ellen were (in the choir) and found us a seat after we visited for a little while. I'm so glad we made the decision to attend so we could see him one last time. What a special man, I know all of you know that. Thank you for sharing him with the rest of us.

Stacy and Curt Frisbie - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dear sweet Hill/Booker family, Basil was such an inspiration to so many. We thank God that we were allowed to know and love such a kind, Christ-like soul. He will be greatly missed. I can only imagine him greeting people as they come into Heaven - always ready with a hug and a smile. Aaron and Tonya and family

Aaron Barnes family - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Basil's passing. I know he is in a better place now. May God's daily presence minister to the families needs during this time of loss. With deepest sympathy, Rhonda

Rhonda Chapman - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We loved Mr. Basil and are going to miss him dearly. Going to be hard to walk into church and not be greeted with a hug from him. He touched many lives, but it's good to know he is now well and rejoicing in Heaven.

Drew & Teris Butler - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We already miss Basil! It hasn't been the same at church, since he has been in the hospital. Every Sunday, I look forward to getting my heartfelt hug from him! What a wonderful legacy he will leave behind! Basil displayed all the fruit of the spirit...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22 We are praying for you! (PS. We treasure the ski trip memories riding in the van to and from Colorado! So fun!!)

Tommy & Lisa Moore - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Mr. Basil was always ready with a smile. He was the first person to cut my hair and the first to welcome me back to church while home on leave. He and his family mean a lot to me. Mrs. Hill and family are in my thoughts and prayers.Parker

Parker Sweeney - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Genieva and family,Please know that I am thinking of you at this time. Basil was special to us and we are thankful to have gotten to know him even better as we served together as greeters. He and Bill loved to share jokes and are now together in Heaven. Love to you.Dorothy

Dorothy Hunt - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Genieva, and kids, Mr. Basil was always a hero in our eyes! Just his soft words could soothe any situation. He could calm a child that was apprehensive about leaving his parent to go to Sunday school when he was SS superintendent, visit with a young family to encourage them to make Calvary their home, and cut a crying little boy's hair while he sat on his mom's lap and never miss a spot. I know these things because we were that young family, I held that little boy and I was a SS teacher under his leadership. Most of all we know that Mr. Basil showed his love for God by loving and serving others. We are so sorry to miss the service and visitation but we are with Parker in Colorado. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Denise, and Brian. Craig and Paula Sweeney

Craig & Paula Sweeney - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ You were my barber for over 35 years and you will be very missed. Our prayers are with your family.

Jimmy & Lana Jo Kimbress - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ I will always remember Bro. Basil. It never mattered where I was at church, he would come and find me to give me a hug. Rarely was there a Sunday that I did not get a hug from him. I will miss those hugs. The Hill family will be in our prayers during this difficult time.

Westley and Dotti Sweeney-Roberts - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Just wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you and praying for your family! Marshall said he will always remember helping Mr. Basil outside, and will miss him greatly! Brandelyn said it helps her to know that Mr. Basil is with her J.J., and they are both watching over her! Take care and God Bless!

Brandon Cochran Family - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you as you say goodbye to Basil. He was definitely a well known person in Henderson. Cut a lot of hair and had a lot of conversation to share with everyone. It is good to know that you will see him again. We serve a risen God. Our love Kenneth and Becky

Kenneth Miley - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Bro. Basil was a good friend. I will always remeber all the years he cut my hair and told me about Mrs Hills every accomplishment. He gave my daughter Lindsey her first haircut 18 yrs ago. We will miss him greeting us at church. Our prayers go out to Mrs. Hill and family..

Bill and Lindsey Carter - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Hill family, I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Hill's passing. He was such a good friend to me and my family. I know my grandma will help take care of him in heaven.. Know that he is with our Lord and in perfect happiness, May God bless and comfort you. Jennifer McFerrin

Jferenni - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I first met Basil when his Mother, Ms. Valentine lived here at the Chalice and knew him to be a good son & friend to us all. We'll miss him & fell blessed to have known him.

Sue Scott - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I can imagine the Lord saying to Basil, "Well done thou good and faithful servant...." May the Lord grant to Geneva and all those who loved him here peace and comfort. Basil's light will continue to shine for a long long time. We are thankful. John Paul and Karen Little

John Paul and Karen Little - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ We Are So Blessed To Have Known Basil, A Warm and Caring Person. Even If He Was Having A Bad Day, You Would Never Know It As His Main Concern Was Making Others Feel Better - and What A Fantastic Job He Did. Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With You.

Bill & JoAnn Redden - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ To The Hill Family: I will miss Lion Basil. He was a dear friend of mine since I joined the Henderson Lions Club. I know the Good Lord will keep his loving arms around your family during this time of need. God Bless You and BasilLynn Nacol

Lynn Nacol - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM