



Mr. C. Larry Smith

January 13, 1945 - October 22, 2021

Curtis Larry Smith was a civic leader, educator, athletic booster and force of nature. He passed away on Friday, October 22, leaving a host of grieving family and friends. C. Larry was born on January 13, 1945, to Curtis and Mary Effie Smith. He grew up in Tatum and attended Tatum High School, where he excelled in sports and vocational agriculture. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Stephen F. Austin University. He taught history at Marshall High School, worked for Texas Utilities, and was a devoted rancher at his beloved Nip-N-Tuck Ranch. On his Facebook page he listed his employment as CEO at "in the Hay Field." C. Larry was also the developer of the Cherokee Crossing subdivision in Tatum.

C. Larry's love of Tatum schools and Tatum athletics is legendary. Any day of the week he could be found at sporting events cheering on his Eagles. and he served for many years as the enthusiastic president of the Tatum Booster Club. His commitment to education led him to serve on the school board of the Tatum Independent School District, including as president of the Board. He also served as president of the Tatum Lions Club, president of Harmony Hill Cemetery Association, a force behind the Tatum Ex-Students Association and as a member of the Tatum Volunteer Fire Department.

A lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Tatum, C. Larry was a devoted part of the congregation of Tatum United Methodist Church for the

past 12 years. He supported every activity the church engaged in.

C. Larry truly had a servant's heart, and he was especially sensitive to the needs of the elderly. He always extended kindness and friendship to his elders and spent time daily with his special friends in the coffee room at Texas Bank of Tatum.

He is preceded in death by his beloved granddaughter, Sarah Paige Stanfield, and his parents Curtis R. and Mary Effie Smith. Also preceding him in death were his grandparents, R.E. (Doc) and Minnie Belle Menefee Young and James A.J. and Martha Ann Wylie Smith.

C. Larry is survived by his wife of 47 years, Nancy Ross Smith, and their three children, Suzy Smith Swanson and her husband Chad, Tate Ross Smith and his wife Tiffany, and Curt Young Smith and his wife Alicia. He is also survived by his adored grandchildren, Cannon Young Smith, Addison Mary Smith, Caroline Mae Smith, Gentry Lynn Smith, Darby Tate Smith, and Gracen Hope Swanson. Surviving brothers are Ross Menefee Smith and James Robert Smith and their spouses, and nieces Christine Victoria Smith and Allison Smith Copple and spouse, and great-nephews Henry Orlando Copple and Theodore Ross Copple.

Visitation will be on Monday, October 25, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Crawford-A-Crim Funeral Home, 1414 South Main, Henderson, Texas.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26 at Crawford-A-Crim Funeral Home. Officiating will be C. Larry's cousins, Gerald Griffin and Michael Wright. Interment will follow at Harmony Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the C. Larry Smith Scholarship Fund for graduates of Tatum High School. Memorials may be mailed to the Tatum Ex-Students Association, P.O. Box 975, Tatum, Texas

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Pallbearers will be Stephen Skinner, Matt Crawford, Dr. J. P. Richardson, Cannon Young Smith, Daniel Cople, and Darin Anthony. Honorary pallbearers will be Bobby Tuttle, Rosser Crawford, Don Lewis, Jerry Hudman, David Weaver, Robert Kuykendal, Hugh Martin, Keith Williams, John Gray, and the Coffee Drinkers at Texas Bank of Tatum.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Harmony Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. C. Larry Smith



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - October 25, 2021 at 09:42 AM

ES

C. Larry will be missed.

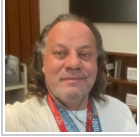
Evelyn Sparks - October 27, 2021 at 04:12 PM

RW

“ *Speechless on your reunion in heaven with SP so soon but... We have had a true blessing of you in our lives since we returned home to Tatum in 2011. We have had the privilege of enjoying your wit, humor, and wisdom through countless daily interactions. You will be missed more than you will ever know. I'm not sure things will ever be the same without you sir. You were the kindest and most giving man and always took care of us all. We love you C Larry and may God comfort and give your family peace as only he can do to continue on without you on earth. Thank you for being you and so many wonderful memories and especially our sports partners in Tatum. We always save you a seat as you watch your Eagles from heaven. Love you*

*Our sincerest condolences to your family
Reagan and Brenda Wyche*

Reagan Brenda Wyche - October 26, 2021 at 09:00 AM



“ *My hometown community has lost one of its biggest advocates in Mr. C. Larry Smith. I have so many memories of him with his wife Nancy while I was growing up in Tatum. He was a true Tatum Eagle Fan if ever there was one and none will fill his shoes. My thoughts and prayers are with Miss Nancy, Suzy, his sons, all of his grandchildren, and the rest of his family.*

GO EAGLES!

Daniel A. Weaver

Daniel Weaver - October 25, 2021 at 07:45 PM

AB

“ *C Larry was a great man and we are so sad by his death. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Marshall, Sherry & Amy Brown Clay, Amanda & Hadley Dunnivant*

Amy Brown - October 25, 2021 at 05:31 PM

RS

“ *Glasses on let me correct the mess. I was around C Larry when I first hired on at TXU. His sense of humor was always great, I was just a kid and he always treated me well and I have stayed in touch over the years. Family know that C Larry leaves a lot of good friends
RIP C Larry*

Robert Stephens - October 25, 2021 at 05:07 PM

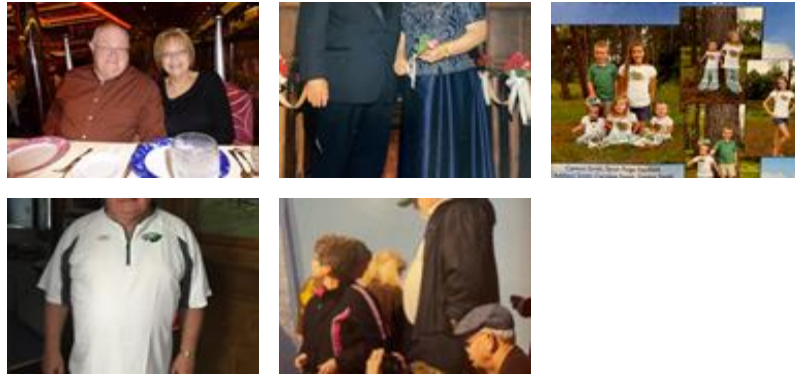
RS

“ I was around C Larry from 22 years old in 1984 thru about 1995. His sense of humor was a lot like mine except he had wisdom in his and as a young man Saw him a couple times over the last 25 years and always the same. RIP C Larry and the family know he leaves a lot of good friends.

Robert and Minnie Syphens - October 25, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ 196 files added to the album LifeTributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - October 25, 2021 at 09:35 AM

LS

“ CLarry was a great man and I'm so sad by his death. I first knew him at Marshall High School and then many years later through Edward Jones. He was a joy and a light. He would bring Sarah Paige in to see me and then later Caroline and the younger grands. I loved when I could make him crack a smile. What an incredible man that will be missed by many. Many prayers for you all. Leslie Clark Scrivener

Leslie Scrivener - October 25, 2021 at 02:05 AM

DF

“ C Larry was always one of the biggest Tatum Eagle supporters ever. It was a honor to be in the Athletics booster club with him. He supported a lot organizations in Tatum and will be deeply missed. I remember when my dad Albert Freeman passed away he came to the house with food and spoke very well of my dad and I'll always remember that of him. He and my dad were a big part of the ex students and the silent auctions every year and buying items to auction off. Tatum lost a great man but he will forever live in our hearts. My prayers go out to the family. RIP sir

Darren Freeman - October 24, 2021 at 11:49 PM

JL

“ I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Praying for God's strength and comfort for all the family during this time.
Jeff Lee

Jeff Lee - October 24, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ Mr. Tatum Eagle will be sorely missed. Prayers during this time. ❤️

Troy Echols-Parker - October 24, 2021 at 06:25 PM



“ Nancy and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man. I always loved seeing him..especially when he would bring those grandchildren in to the office. He was such a great grandfather..and friend to many. Prayers are being lifted for you all. Sandra Toole

Sandra Toole - October 24, 2021 at 06:06 PM

EB

“ Gudrun and I are so sorry for your Loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with You. EJ Belote

Emmett Belote - October 24, 2021 at 05:39 PM

KS

“ Sorry for your loss



Kelly Stroud - October 24, 2021 at 11:58 AM

BH

“ Nancy, I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. I'm sorry that I will not be able to be there with you. Love, Barbara Waldrop Hargraves

Barbara Waldrop Hargraves - October 24, 2021 at 07:24 AM

EM

“ Elaine Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. C. Larry Smith



Elaine Martin - October 23, 2021 at 10:41 PM