



## Ebb Smith

April 27, 1917 - May 9, 2010

James "Ebb" Everly Smith Funeral services for James "Ebb" Everly Smith, age 93, of Henderson, Texas, will be held at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11th with Reverend Bill Tisdale officiating. Interment will be in Lakewood Memorial Park cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson, Texas. Ebb Smith died May 9th, 2010 at home in Henderson, Texas. He was born on April 27th, 1917 in New Prospect, TX. Ebb resided in Henderson, Texas since 1937. He was a member of First Baptist Church. Ebb first owned Smith Brothers' Exxon with his brother Lovis and later owned Ebb Smith Texaco. He was also a constable in Rusk County for twenty years. Ebb and his brother Delma catered for Logtech. An avid outdoorsman, he managed and was a guide for a hunting camp in Goldthwaite, TX. Throughout his life, Ebb derived great joy from hunting and fishing. He was a phenomenal storyteller and a wonderful role model for his children and many grandchildren. During World War II, James "Ebb" Smith served in the Air Force. He enlisted in 1940 and fought in Northern Africa, the Middle East, and Southern Europe with the 66th Fighter Squadron of the 57th Fighter Group. As a Tech Sergeant, Ebb served in Africa, Sicily, Italy, Corsica, France, and Malta. He received six Battle Stars, three Presidential Citations, a Good Conduct medal, an EAME ribbon, and a Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon. Ebb was discharged in 1945, after which he served in the USAF Reserves until honorably discharged in 1953. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until services at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Crawford ?

A. Crim Funeral Home. James "Ebb" Smith was preceded in death by brothers Belton Smith, Delma Smith, Lovis Smith, and Charlie Smith; and sisters Rachel Smith and Joyce Foy. Ebb is survived by his loving wife of 64 years Betty Jones Smith of Henderson; one sister, Marjorie Rogers of Ozona, TX; son, James Lynn Smith and wife Yolanda of Henderson; daughter, Lynda Young and husband Gary of Brentwood, TN; son, Don Smith and wife Carol of Federal Way, WA; son, Neal Smith and wife Rena of Premont, TX; grandchildren: David Smith, Rachel Smith Zertuche, Tory Smith, Kelly Smith Howard, Logan Smith, John Young, Tyler Smith, Matt Smith, Travis Smith, and Colton Smith; great-grandchildren: Chloe Smith, Vincent Howard, and Sofia Howard. Pallbearers are David Smith, Tory Smith, Logan Smith, John Young, Matt Smith, Colton Smith, Micah Howard, and Travis Smith. Honorary pallbearers are Tyler Smith and Humberto Zertuche. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angel Care Hospice at 209 Hwy 79N, Suite 102, Henderson, TX, 75652. The family wishes to thank Ebb's wonderful caretakers, Teresa Pannell and Evelyn Robertson of Angel Hospice Care. Condolences may be made at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## visitation

MAY 11. 12:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

KL

“ MY FAMILY HAS KNOWN EDD FOR YEARS AND YEARS. LIBBY LAMBETH WAS SAD TO LEARN EBB PASSED. GOD BLESS THE FAMILY.... EBB WILL BE MISSED

KARENJO LAMBETH - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Loved it when Ebb called "Hi cuz" as we are distant cousins on the Shepherd side. Betty's grandmother was a Shepherd before becoming Lela Rhodes. We will all miss Ebb. What an inspiration to everyone he met. He truly enjoyed life and people. How blessed we are to have memories of him . Our sympathy for your (our) loss.

Gus and Betty Brown - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ So sorry for your loss, Ebb was just a good man, may he rest in peace. Carl & Debbie Smith

Carl Smith - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ I MET EBB WHEN I WAS A LITTLE BOY .I REMEMBER WHEN EBB'S DADDY, PAT BEST, WOULD GO COON HUNTING AND I ALWAYS WANTED TO GO .WHEN I GOT OLDER HE LET ME GO WITH HIM AND I ALWAYS HAVE FUN WITH. FISHING ON THE RIVER WERE THE SOME OFF THE BEST TIMES. EVEN THOUGH I WAS YOUNG, EBB TREATED ME JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. HE ALWAYS TOLD DADDY AND I, "CAP, THERE AIN'T ANYTHING Y'ALL CAN'T DO!" I WILL MISS YOU, EBB . . . YOU WERE THE BEST! JAY, JW, & JOLYNN WILDER

WILDER - May 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Henderson has lost another well known "icon". Ebb Smith was one of the sweetest men I ever knew and he always has a smile on his face and a funny story to tell. As a child, I remember going to his gas station with my mother and he always gave me a handful of bubble gum.....which I always looked forward to. He was also "The Man" when it came to frying fish!!! He will be missed and I'd like to offer my condolences to his family. Ebb Smith was a wonderful man!

Suzanne Reed - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ There are people that we encounter along the way in life and most you never remember. Then there are those that are indelibly etched in our minds and are never forgotten. Ebb was one of those people and anyone that never got to hear the stories and enjoy time spent listening to him missed a wonderful part of life's journey.

Norris Langford - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Mitchell & Ann Billingsley and Pamela Billingsley Pyeatt - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Lynda/Lynn.. I'm sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was a good guy and quite a character! I remember buying shotgun shells and talking about dove hunting at his Exxon station. I got to visit with him a couple of years ago when I saw him at the Golden Corral. What a nice visit.. I'll never forget his story about the doe that came back to life in the trunk of his car... he could spin a great yarn! I'll miss him. Best to the both of you. Skip Miller Jefferson, TX

Skipper Miller - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Neal and Smith family, I am so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful man Ebb was. I know that his legacy lives on in you and the rest of the family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. John Sloan

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**John Sloan** - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Such a wonderful special man. Loved his stories and tomatoes. Will be truly missed.

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**Joe & Charlotte Jones and family** - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ We will miss the fish fries at the cabin with you...and your big tomatoes!

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**Chad & Aaron Paul** - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Neal and family, So sorry for the loss of your father. Our prayers are with you and your family at this time of loss.

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**Brent and Mary Nell Harvey** - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Lynn and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Ebb will be missed by many. Mozelle Duncan Ronnie and Patsy (Duncan) Morrison

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**Mozelle Thornton Duncan** - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *My prayers are with you and your family in this time of loss. My God give your comfort in the knowledge that your beloved Dad is with him now!*

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**Kathy Harlan** - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Uncle Ebb will be missed dearly. I have very fond memories of cookouts and story telling at our family reunions. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family at this time. What a wonderful angel he will be!*

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**Jennifer Lowry** - May 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM