



## Mr. Elton "Elbo" Smith

December 30, 1953 - April 15, 2019

James Elton "Elbo" Smith, 65, of Tatum, was born in Texarkana, Arkansas on December 30, 1953 and left this world that he loved on April 15, 2019. He was a master musician. At eight years of age, he saved money by picking cucumbers on his parent's farm to buy his first guitar. Elton could play any kind of stringed instrument with ease and was happiest when performing on stage. As a master builder, Elton could complete nearly all phases of any kind of structure—residential or commercial. Another love of Elton's was flying. He owned several planes and enjoyed flying with his many fellow aviator friends. Throughout his life, he also enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, swimming, water skiing, and gardening. Elbo never met a stranger. If he knew you, he would do anything for you.

Those surviving Elton include his wife of 37 years Janna Smith of Tatum, his son Jesse and Heather of Kaufman, his son Jerod and wife Nikki of Longview, his daughter Rachel Streefkerk and husband Howie of Tatum, his mother Pat Williams Emerson and husband Yank of Queen City, his sister Patsy Brock and husband Mike of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, his brother Tommy Smith and wife Patricia of Waxahachie, his mother-in-law Rita Sharp of Longview, his father-in-law Dwayne Smith of Farmersville, many brothers and sisters-in-laws, 9 grandchildren (Ashley, Syra, Tyler, Jared "Boogie", Kierra, David, Dylan, Katelyn, and Riley), many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and many wonderful friends. He was preceded in death by his father James Eddie Smith

of Texarkana, Arkansas and granddaughter Harley Streefkerk of Tatum.

His celebration of life service will be held at the chapel of Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson, Texas on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 2:00 pm with Kenneth Ross officiating under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Honorary pallbearers will be Tony Beason, Lynn Emmons, Darren Crump, Pat Taczek, Tony Taczek, Steven Smith, Russell Wolf, Kelly Amburn, Terry Parker, Charlie Roger, and Harold Walker.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 18. 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. Elton "Elbo" Smith



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - April 17, 2019 at 03:39 PM

ME

“ Prayers going up for the family.<3 Sending much love and big hugs to all, God Bless.



Megan - April 20, 2019 at 03:24 AM

DK

“ Janna, Elton's memorial was very special and such a tribute to him that so many were willing to stand and speak of their experiences with Elton and their love for him. You both have been such positive influences in so many lives and I truly believe the tradition will continue on through your family.

We will continue to pray for Elton's family, neighbors and friends during the days ahead of tremendous adjustment.

Love,

David and Peggy Keeling

David and Peggy Keeling - April 19, 2019 at 07:21 PM

TE

“ Teresa sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Elton  
"Elbo" Smith



Teresa - April 17, 2019 at 06:05 PM

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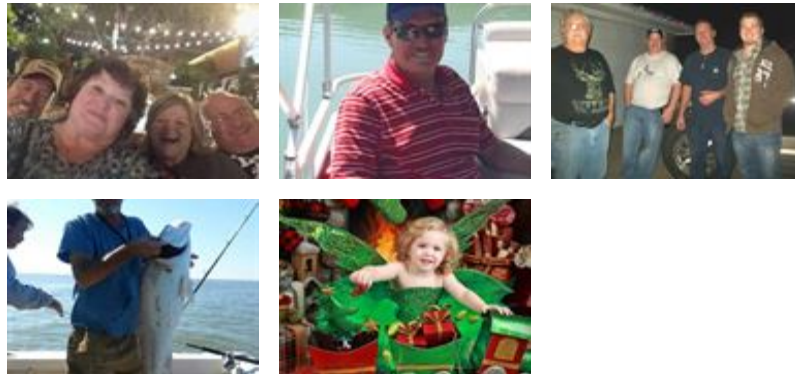
“ Teresa lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elton  
"Elbo" Smith



Teresa - April 17, 2019 at 06:04 PM



“ 71 files added to the album LifeTributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - April 17, 2019 at 02:34 PM

GS

“ I am so glad that I got to know Elton. I knew him from the music world & the construction world. I met him in 2000 pickin' on the patio @ Leon's Steakhouse. I enjoyed him and his music so much. He was a very unselfish musician willing to share his musical knowledge with anyone. He was instrumental in the major remodel @ Leon's. I have never met a man that was a master carpenter & could also do ceiling tile, Formica & any other phase of construction. He did an excellent job on my two office buildings. He was one of the smartest men that I have ever known. I still carry the pocket knife he gave me for my birthday 10 years ago and will think of him every time I use it. Rest in Peace Elton.

*Jerry Simmons*

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**Gerald Wayne Simmons** - April 17, 2019 at 01:29 PM

KA

“ Elbo was a great person he taught me a lot about music I will take all that with me on my journey with the hard time band thank you Elbo love you man go stomp them feet and flap those wings

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**kelly amburn** - April 17, 2019 at 11:25 AM

RC

“ Elton was a great friend, and a man who taught me so much. I miss him dearly and know that he's probably trying to tune a harp to E9 as we speak. The world is a bit less bright without his smile to light up our lives. Love you always, brother.

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**Roger Cowan** - April 17, 2019 at 09:41 AM

JC

“ We are sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all in this time of mourning. Our hearts are with you. Love from Josh and Shannon Clinton.



Josh and Shannon Clinton - April 16, 2019 at 03:36 PM



My heart is truly broke I didn't just call out in my friend calling my brother couldn't find a finer man a true man God bless you Janna Rachel Jared Jessie andHowie

Tony Beason - April 17, 2019 at 12:27 PM



Haven't got three cords better go show Waylon how to pick that thing elbow

Tony Beason - April 17, 2019 at 12:28 PM



Heaven Got three cords better

Tony Beason - April 17, 2019 at 12:28 PM

CW

“ Charla Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elton "Elbo" Smith



Charla Williams - April 16, 2019 at 01:22 PM