



## Rev. Robert Hall

October 19, 1937 - April 30, 2013

A celebration of the life and ministry of Rev. Robert Alan Hall, 75, of Henderson, will be held at 2 pm Saturday, May 4, 2013 at First Baptist Church with Dr. David Higgs and Rev. Bill Tisdale officiating, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the service in the Family Life Center at the church. A viewing will be held all day Friday at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Rev. Hall went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at his residence. He was born October 19, 1937 in New Albany, Miss. to the late E.S. and Mary Martin Hall. Robert began playing piano for church at the age of 10. His dad was a Southern Baptist pastor and he would accompany his dad to revivals, carrying his portable pump organ to play for the congregation. Robert was saved at 9 years old in the back seat of his family's 1940's Ford automobile. Robert was a graduate of Murfreesboro, Ark. high school. He attended Ouachita Baptist University, where he majored in piano and church music. Robert graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor of Music degree. During college, he served part-time in FBC Alma, Ark., and Pike Avenue Baptist, North Little Rock. He also served at Maple Avenue Baptist Church in Smackover, Ark., where he met Bettye Gray, the church pianist, who he married, and they spent 52 wonderful years together. While attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, he served at First Baptist Church of White Settlement and graduated with a Master of Church Music degree. In September of 1967, Robert began his ministry at First Baptist Church in Henderson. He served as Minister of

Music and Youth. In 1972, he served as a Music Consultant with the Baptist General Convention of Texas for five months. He then came back to Henderson and served. He was ordained by FBC Henderson on April 18, 1980. He retired in 1996. Robert was then given the title of Minister of Music Emeritus and went back to work part-time at FBC, continuing to perform weddings, funerals, and other ministerial duties. One of his greatest joys was his visitation ministry. He loved sharing God's word and trying to meet the needs of those he visited. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Larry Martin Hall. Survivors include: wife, Bettye Hall of Henderson; son Greg Hall and wife Beth of Plainview; daughter, Amy Billingsley of Henderson; grandchildren, Jake Hall, Grayson Hall, Chris Sjostrom, Jessica Billingsley, and Caitlin Hall. Pallbearers will be Jake Hall, Grayson Hall, Chris Sjostrom, Tim Pool, Don Edmiston, and O'Brien Satcher. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com). Condolences may be made online at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## visitation

MAY 4. 3:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Robert Hall*



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - April 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Robert will be truly missed, he was a great man if God, and a friend to many.*

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**Anthony & Angela Berry** - May 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *Dear Bettye, Greg, Amy and families, Robert was one of the best men I ever knew. He was truly a person who led by example, and I try to follow his lead in my everyday life. I remember the advice he passed along when I was a youth, and I offer that advice to others to this day. (And I still cringe when I hear someone singing an "r," as Robert taught us not to do.) He was one of the biggest positive influences in my life and the Hall family is included in many of my fondest memories as a teenager. My thoughts are with you...*

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**Laura Honeycutt Ehret** - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers to Bettye, Greg, Amy and family as you walk with God through this time. Bro. Robert was one of the kindest men I have ever known and he served others with such a great and humble servant's heart. He always had a kind word and took time to speak to me no matter how busy he really might have been at the moment. To him people came first. As a teenager he had a great impact on my life and encouraged my love for serving God through music in the church and I took that advise and the things he taught me into my adult life. He taught me and untold thousands how to truly worship our Lord. And I will always be grateful for that and that he was faithful to the call of God on his life and by his being a living example of God's love and what it means to be a worshiper in the House of the Lord. Our loss is Heaven's gain and we will see him again in Heaven's Choir I have no doubt.

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**Angela Bush** - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Robert was my youth/music leader at FBC White Settlement. He and Bettye were such strong mentors to our youth group. They laid the spiritual groundwork for who we are today. Prayers are with the whole family and for friends also. Thank you Robert for helping me see God in music and other church activities.

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**Dianne Blanton Robinson** - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ So sorry to learn of Robert's death. He was a dear cousin and we always loved hearing him play the piano. So sorry we were unable to attend the funeral, but our prayers remain with the family.

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**Beverly Stubblefield** - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Robert was such a kind person, always spoke to you where ever he saw you. He had such a serving heart that will be greatly missed by all. My prayers go out to the family!

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**Becky Gelwicks** - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Bye Robert. Many fond memories. You were a great man/mentor and I'll miss you very much.

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**Robert H. Hall** - May 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Robert was one of my favorite people! He was my mentor, my friend, and one of my role models growing up! He and his family were a beautiful Christian family, and I feel priviledged to have known him and them. Some of my fondest memories from Henderson are with Robert, Bettye, and the FBC music ministry! I send sincere sympathy to Bettye and family! Much love to you! We will all miss him!Alee

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**Aleesa Almand Walker** - May 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Greg- So sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our prayers as you go through this difficult time.

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**Ricky and Mica Norman** - May 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Greg & family, So sorry for the loss of your Dad. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers...

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**Margaret (Green) Brown** - May 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ We loved Robert so and he was such a wonderful man of God! He will be greatly missed , but we know he is having a great time with his Lord right now! Our prayers are lifting you all the Father for his peace and comfort! Sincerely, anne and wendell pool

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**wendell and anne pool** - May 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Hall Family I am sorry for your lost. Praying for a peace that passes all understanding for you. Daddy are special and the memories of days past will be your comfort. Sue C. Hall

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**Sue Hall** - May 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ To Bettye,Amy,Greg. I am so sorry to hear about Robert. I will always remember all the fun we had on our choir trips . Our Maranatha ensemble group was so much fun to me I miss those days. I remember the days of baby sitting Amy And Greg. Robert was a awesome man and example of of how we should live our lives. Robert will surely be missed, but what a Glory it be be in Heaven ... .

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**Vicki Burd Shepherd** - May 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Betty and Family,Harriet and I wanted to express our deepest sympathy to you and let you know we have precious memories of Robert and family. We will be praying for you now and in the days to come. All our love,Billy and Harriet Smith

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**Billy and Harriet Smith** - May 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Robert was truly a guiding light for many of us as youth. He led us and instructed us. But most of all, we learned by his example. He lived what he taught. He loved his family, he loved his church, and he loved us. But most of all, he loved God! Thank you Robert for all you have passed on to us. You will be remembered!

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**Rebecca Roper Mulkern** - May 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ My condolences to the Hall family. Robert will be missed by everyone. His talents were many and he used them for the Lord. He will be Heaven's gain.

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**Sue Vandegriff** - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ So sad for the loss of a truly outstanding man of God. Robert was many things, but mostly he was my roomie. Every FBC trip had me paired up with Robert. If you can believe it, he thought I need a pair of eyes on me at all times! Did not seem like it at the time, but looking back that was a very wise decision. Closing with much love and continued prayers for all of Robert's family.

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**David Ragsdale** - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Robert and I (Dave) are cousins and I remember fondly the times we were able to be together growing up and after. His kindness was felt by all members of our family and we look forward to being reunited with him someday in The presence of our Lord.

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**Dave and Carol Martin** - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Heaven's choir just got a little sweeter! We shall miss our dear friend but await the day we shall see him again. We love you and are lifting you up to our precious Lord.*

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**Danny and Barbara Gge** - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *I had just graduated from High School when Robert arrived at First Baptist. He worked so hard to lead us in the way we should go (and some of us strayed from time to time) but he always had a listening ear and compassionae heart. Later in life he took part in many a family funeral and my grandmother thought he hung the moon. I remember waking in ICU after heart surgery and Robert standing at my bedside praying. To say I loved Robert Hall is an understatement !! May God bless you in this time of loss.*

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**william brown** - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *As a first cousin (Gary), who lived much too far away, we remember fondly the times we were able to be together in person. We appreciated Robert's desire to stay connected with his Indiana family through emails, phone calls and visits when he could. We know the joy he was able to share with many others and wish we could have been closer to enjoy his musical talents first hand and get to know his immediate family better. However, we know there will be an eternity to enjoy the company of a great man of God. Bettye, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Gary and Kathy Martin** - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ What can I say that hadn't already been said about my good friend Robert Hall. He was good, gentle, kind, loving man that touched many, many lives. I know he touched mine. My prayers and thoughts go out to Bettye, Greg and Amy during this time. We all know that Robert is rejoicing in Heaven and singing praises to our Lord and Savior! Oh what a glorious day it will be when we all meet in heaven!

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**Tony Johnson** - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

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

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**Drucilla & Jeff Davis** - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Reading my good friend Jim Coode's words about Robert brought back many good memories. I can only say Amen in agreement with Jim. Without a doubt, part of my identity was formed at First Baptist Church during my youth, and Robert Hall had a big part in that. I always looked up to Robert as a young person. In more recent years, as different family members passed away, including my own parents, I saw a different side of this very altruistic man. He was no longer a young man in the forefront, but now served others behind the scenes. His words may have changed me as a youth, but his quiet service to others changed me as an adult. But the story has not ended. You see, we live in already, but not yet Kingdom. Robert's destiny did not end with this life, but rather his destiny is now God's destiny. I can only hope that as I grow older, I will become more like this servant of God.

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**Steve Gibson** - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I can honestly say that I wouldn't be who am I today if it weren't for Robert Hall. What a great influence he was on so many lives.

Barak Cowling - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Betty and family, Was so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and Prayer are with you.

Dennis and Dixie Duncan - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless you.

Bob & Sue Henderson - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Robert came to FBC in 1967 (if I recall correctly). I was in youth chior, and suddenly we had a young-hip-good man as a leader and role model. He worked so hard for us and with us. He found some great (hip for the day!) songs for us to learn and sing. He taught us how to be christian young adults and we had a great time doing it! Thankyou Robert! I miss you!

Mike Mason - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ What a wonderful testimony Robert lived! He was such a caring person and always shared his talent of music. He will be missed by so many but he will never be forgotten. Such a blessing to so many people.

Fallon and Tina Garner - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Robert was a very influential part of my attendance of First Baptist Church growing up. He was always so kind,so talented and so caring. He will surely be missed, but has touched so many lives. Prayers for comfort and peace for his family and all those that loved him.

Jennifer (Watkins) Chang - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ The world is a better place because it was blessed by such a precious soul. With Heartfelt Sympathy. Love Kay Stewart.

Kay Stewart - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I am so sorry for you loss. He was such a special person but I know Heaven is rejoycing to have such a special voice to sing with them. He will surely be missed by all who knew him.

Beth Hale Pope - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to the entire family. Praying for peace and comfort in your time of loss.

Mike & Marla Sullivan - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My memory of Brother Hall truly stands out. I will never forget him waaiting for me to arrive from Houston to make arrangements for my mom's funeral. He and Ty O'Neal waited patiently in front of Crawford A Crim on a cold Janurary morning so that I would not be alone during a difficult time. I will always treasure the knowledge that I knew such a kind and wonderful man. Janie Needham Wilkins

Janie Wilkins - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Dear Amy, I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a very kind man and you have a wonderful family. Prayers for you as you walk through this valley before you. With love and friendship, Holli Green Bridges

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**Holli Green Bridges** - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To know Robert Hall was to be blessed. He is singing with the angels now....oh what a wonderful sound that must be. We love you all. Sharon, Spencer & Sterling Florey

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**Sharon Florey** - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ The world has lost a kind and gentle man who loved the Lord and his family with every fabric of his being. If you need a model for the perfect Christian gentleman it was Robert. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Bettye and the family.

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**Bill Baker** - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ What a it was to serve our wonderful Lord and His church with Robert. He was a true "servant leader" and a "Christ like example" for al of us. We treasure our memories of our dear friend. Jere and Joyce Wilson

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**Jere and Joyce Wilson** - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Dear Family, Robert was such a special part of our lives, he touched it in so many many ways. We loved him dearly as well as each of you. You are all very special to our family. You will each be in our prayers daily. We love you,LaNell & Troy

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**Troy & LaNell Toon** - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Deat Bettye, Greg, Amy, and families,I'm so sorry for your loss. I am sure that Robert is singing with the Saints in Heaven. I can't think of anyone who influenced me for the good more than Robert. The lessons he taught through the music and youth ministry are still with me today. Praying for peace among you as you deal with your loss and Heaven's gain.Sincerely, Vanessa

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**Vanessa Sloan Faulkner** - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My prayers are with all. God bless.

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**Sharon Henderson** - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ There was never a bad word said about Robert Hall!

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**KAY MASON** - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Robert Hall was one of only a few men who never compromised his integrity nor did he wear his religion on his sleeve. All who knew him know this and it will be repeated many times here in this guestbook.Robert was always available to help me in the early days of my music career. He will be missed.Billy F. Martin

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**Billy F Martin** - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Loved Robert so much. He helped me thru the most difficult time of my life and I was with him went I met Jesus. A great loss to this world.

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**Cindy Duty** - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Greg and family I was so sorry to hear the loss of your great father. May God's daily presence minister to your every need during this time of loss. With deepest sympathy, Rhonda and Curtis Chapman

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**Rhonda Chapman** - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you all.

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**Christy Carrizoza** - April 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ It's hard to imagine First Baptist Church without Robert Hall. His beautiful voice and kind, gentle manner will be truly missed. God's comfort to you all at this sad time.

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**Cyndi and Johnny Walker** - April 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Mr. Hall was such a guiding force in my life growing up in Henderson. He helped with my spiritual growth and always had a kind word.

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**Gail Stanley Sandidge** - April 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Such sad news. Robert was truly the finest man I've ever known. I still remember the first time I met him when he stopped to talk to a young kid working on some plumbing at FBC. He took us in, revolutionized the music/youth ministry at FBC and sent us out into the world. Our lives and our world has changed, but we still loved Robert. Rest in peace, my friend. Revelation 5:11-13 now has another baritone.*

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**Jim Coode** - April 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *I am so sorry fot your loss.My prayers are with you all.*

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**Christy Carrizoza** - April 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *Robert will be missed so very much. Such a great christian servant and leader. He was such a blessing to us all and we know heaven is a better place with his presence.*

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**George Jaeger** - April 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM