



Mrs. Zelda Smith

September 18, 1940 - June 13, 2016

A memorial service for Zelda Smith, 75, of Henderson will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday, June 16, 2016, in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church with Dr. David Higgs and Don Spivey officiating. Interment will be at Lakewood Memorial Park under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The family will receive friends in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center after the memorial service.

Zelda went to be with her Lord and Savior on June 13, 2016. She was born September 18, 1940 in Troup, Texas to the late Luther M. and Wreatha I. Morriess. Her passion consisted of a deep love for her Lord, husband, family, and friends. She was a graduate of Baylor University, and taught school in Tyler and Henderson at the elementary level. God gifted her with a beautiful soprano voice, but her most cherished gift as a teacher was her ability to help her students feel special about themselves, and consequently excel to accomplish things that were outstanding. Her infectious smile could light up a room, and even a "scrooge type" would have to smile in return.

Survivors include Richard Smith, her husband (and guy) for 51 years; sister Mary Lee and husband Waymon Spivey of Tyler; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Zelda was preceded in death by her parents Luther M. and Wreatha I.

Morriess, and sister A'Della and husband Carl Bland.

Pallbearers will be Dalton Jones, Tommy Wade, David Ballenger, Rusty Phenix, Milton McGee, Craig Hurt, Jeff Allen, Clay Gossett, Kelly Hall, and Tony Stone.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Music Ministry of First Baptist Church, 207 West Main Street, Henderson, Texas 75654.

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

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUN 16. 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 Mrs. Zelda Smith*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - June 14, 2016 at 11:57 AM

SS

“ *I have such fond memories of Mrs. Smith from Montgomery Elementary School days. She was my music teacher and I always looked forward to her class! One of the most beautiful ladies I'd ever seen; however she was beautiful inside as well. Her graceful mannerisms, beautiful voice, and piano skill made such an impression on me.*

Prayers go out to her family, may God bring you comfort and peace.

Rest peacefully Mrs. Smith 🙏

Susan Summers

Susan Summers - June 25, 2016 at 06:12 PM

AM

“ *Angie Williams Mitschke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith*



Angie Williams Mitschke - June 20, 2016 at 12:06 PM

AM

A most precious lady, I will never forget you Zelda, I will always remember the gift you gave me years ago, in 1976. You were so kind to me and I will remember your beautiful smile.

Angie Williams Mitschke - June 20, 2016 at 12:07 PM

CD

“ *I would like to thank Henderson First Baptist Church for the lovely celebration of my Great Aunt Zelda's life. Growing up Aunt Zelda had two sisters, her oldest sister Sarah Adella Bland was my Grandmother. Aunt Zelda was so encouraging to me, but I had no ideal how she inspired so many others there in Henderson. I have never been to such an event as the celebration of her life. From the choir to the packed church, I was shocked. Thank you all so vary much for the warmth you showed my family. What an honor it was to have been one of three of My Aunt Zelda's Great Nephews, in this life. with this being said, Good-night Aunt Zelda I Love you, thank you for bringing the best out of me.*



Carl Daved - June 18, 2016 at 01:16 PM

CD

“ Thank you Henderson First Baptist Church for the Celebration of My Great Aunt Zeldas Life. What an honor to have been 1 of your 3 Great nephews. You touched so many. I will miss you, my tears are not in vain for I will see you again. Good-night Aunt Zelda I Love you.



Carl Daved - June 17, 2016 at 10:49 PM

CT

“ My Great Aunt Zelda the celebration of your life @ Henderson First Babtist was like no other celebration I've ever been to. The place was packed with literally 100's of people who's life's you have touched. What a honor to have been 1 of your 3 Great Nephews in this life. Thank you everyone at Henderson First Baptist Church for the celebration of Aunt Zeldas life. Good-night Aunt Zelda I Love you



carl Thomas - June 17, 2016 at 07:46 PM

GT

“ I'm going to miss her so much she was the sweetest lady I have met she would always talk to me when I was little when I sat in my parents Sunday school room and she came in with her husband he was the teacher she would have a donut with me and hug me she knew me when I was a baby she told me to call her aunt Zelda and her husband uncle Richard I love you aunt Zelda I will miss you but I know I will see you in heaven

Grace Trammell - June 16, 2016 at 03:19 PM

S(

“ I am so sorry to hear of Zelda's passing. She will always have a special place in my heart. I'm also sorry I can't make it to the funeral but my mom is going through health problems. I love you all and will be thinking of you and praying for comfort.

Stacy Godwin (Nelson) - June 16, 2016 at 11:47 AM

MN

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.
Mrs. Zelda will be missed.
Megan Nichols



Megan Nichols - June 16, 2016 at 08:46 AM

JW

“ JULIA WHITEHEAD WARDEN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith



JULIA WHITEHEAD WARDEN - June 15, 2016 at 11:06 PM

CW

“ I will always remember her as one of my first music teachers at Montgomery Elementary, then as a smiling friend who always greeted me warmly whenever I saw her. She will be truly missed. A beautiful lady.



Cyndi Walker - June 15, 2016 at 10:23 PM

MB

“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Michael Bland - June 15, 2016 at 08:02 PM

JN

“ Joanie Skelton Nations lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith



Joanie Skelton Nations - June 15, 2016 at 05:36 PM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith



pud patterson - June 15, 2016 at 09:51 AM

MW

“ *Margaret Brown Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith*



Margaret Brown Williams - June 15, 2016 at 09:46 AM

LH

“ *Lynn Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith*



Lynn Hill - June 15, 2016 at 07:41 AM

NG

“ *Nancy Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith*



Nancy Gibson - June 14, 2016 at 11:24 PM

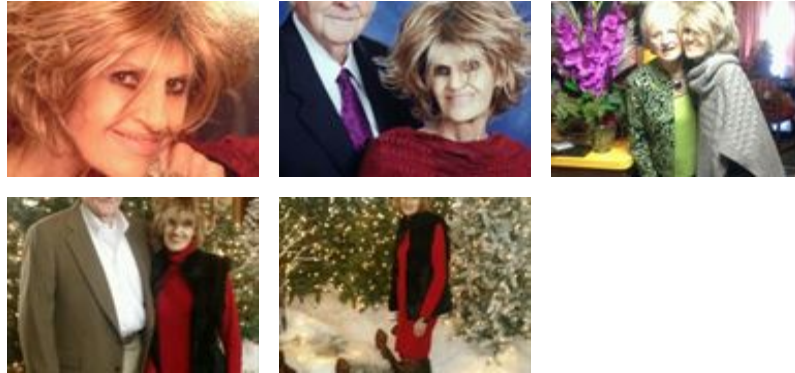
PP

So very sorry about Zelda...a beautiful person in every way. I will be in Dallas on Thursday, but wanted to express my condolences before I left.

pud patterson - June 15, 2016 at 09:52 AM



“ 56 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - June 14, 2016 at 11:40 AM

JB

“ *Julie Beck lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith*



Julie Beck - June 14, 2016 at 09:30 AM



“ *Richard, Zelda was such an incredible, vibrant person - we will miss her greatly! Prayers with you and your family during this time. Love always! Suzanne Pharr*



Suzanne Pharr - June 14, 2016 at 09:18 AM

BJ

“ *Zelda was a wonderful Christian lady, and I am honored to say she was also my friend. She and Richard were leaders of the Sunday School dept. Olin and I were in. They were very caring people. I know she is walking on streets of gold now.*

Betty Johnson - June 14, 2016 at 08:44 AM

PK

“ *Peggy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith*



Peggy Keeling - June 14, 2016 at 07:40 AM

PK

“ *Peggy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith*



Peggy Keeling - June 14, 2016 at 07:24 AM

MD

“ *Mike Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith*



mike duncan - June 14, 2016 at 06:46 AM

MD

“ Rest in Peace Ms. Smith. You were one of a kind. You made me sing and you made me dance and few people have ever been able to do that. May God bless your soul and give your family comfort.

Mike Duncan

mike duncan - June 14, 2016 at 06:45 AM

KB

“ Kim Burgess lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith



Kim Burgess - June 14, 2016 at 12:45 AM

DN

“ Debra Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith



Debra Nichols - June 13, 2016 at 10:30 PM

DN

“ Loved working with Zelda at Montgomery. She was a beautiful lady



Debra Nichols - June 13, 2016 at 10:29 PM

CW

“ Chris And Dana Wright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith



Chris and Dana Wright - June 13, 2016 at 10:23 PM

AM

“ Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith



Amy Miley-Payne - June 13, 2016 at 07:19 PM

JW

“ Joe And Dianne Wylie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith



Joe and Dianne Wylie - June 13, 2016 at 05:50 PM

KS

“ Kerry And Lynn Sitton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith



Kerry and Lynn Sitton - June 13, 2016 at 05:30 PM

TP

“ *Tom & Linda Pharr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith*



Tom & Linda Pharr - June 13, 2016 at 05:30 PM

TP

Our condolences and prayers go out to Zelda's family. She and Richard were our Sunday School department leaders when we first moved to Henderson and joined First Baptist Church. Zelda was beautiful inside and out, and made a huge impact on my spiritual walk with the Lord. She will truly be missed.

Tom & Linda Pharr - June 13, 2016 at 05:35 PM



“ *Jo Toon Graham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith*



Jo Toon Graham - June 13, 2016 at 04:03 PM



Zelda was the first church choir teacher I had and I loved to hear her beautiful voice but also watch her face and eyes express the love she had for Jesus to us as children! I will never forget the kindness and love she showed to everyone she was around! She was outwardly and inwardly beautiful! Richard, you and Zelda were so close and such a great example of how couples should honor God with their relationship! Thank you for that! We are praying for you as you miss your wife and best friend!

Jo Toon Graham - June 13, 2016 at 04:14 PM



I Remember Her Shopping at Brookshire Brothers When I worked there...She was a Sweet Lady! I know she will be Missed.

Sue Thompson - June 14, 2016 at 05:35 PM



“Zelda was so instrumental in my walk with the Lord. She & Richard lived what they taught and shared with young parenting couples in FBC-Henderson, such as I. She will not leave a void on this earth.....she leaves a legacy that we all hunger for. I know Jesus intimately because of her touch on my life. God has been especially good to me for just knowing her.



Anita Rumbo-Hays-Flowers - June 13, 2016 at 02:49 PM

JH

“Joel And Barbara Hale lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith



Joel and Barbara Hale - June 13, 2016 at 02:37 PM

GA

“Gale Austin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith



Gale Austin - June 13, 2016 at 02:22 PM

JF

“ *Jolene Fenter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Zelda Smith*



Jolene Fenter - June 13, 2016 at 01:14 PM