



Larry Blake Smith

August 17, 1934 - January 1, 2014

Larry Blake Smith of Lubbock went to his heavenly home on Wednesday, January 1, 2014. What a blessing that he is healed, able to walk and dance and see the beautiful wonders of Heaven. We praise God for His love, mercy and peace.

Larry was born on August 17, 1934 to Willie and Vera Smith of Spur, Texas. He married Linda Kaye McDonald on April 27, 1967 in Lubbock. He and his wife are long-time members of Indiana Ave. Baptist Church in Lubbock. He served his country from 1957 to 1959 in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Germany as a radar operator.

He was a business partner in Plains Bearing Company from 1972 until his retirement in 2000. Upon retirement, he worked tirelessly as a volunteer for the local non-profit teen program, Youth Corps. He called this his "Retirement with a Purpose". Larry had a God-given love for children of all ages. He was especially touched by the orphaned children of China that he met during he and his wife's visit there in 2006.

Larry loved fishing, square dancing, traveling, snow skiing, working in the yard and in his shop, but most of all he treasured loving on his four grandchildren and being a part of their lives, attending their sports and school activities. He did not believe there was anything more important in this life than living out and passing on his faith, his values and his love to both of his sons and their children.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of 47 years; his son, Curtis Hogan and his

wife Robin; and grandchildren, Hunter Hogan, age 14; and Torrey Hogan, age 11; his son, Blake Smith and his wife Amanda and grandchildren, Cole Smith, age 7 and Grant, age 4.

A celebration of his life of 79 years will be on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at Sanders Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. The family wishes to especially thank the Sunday School classes of Bobby McMichael/Claude Stephens and Joe Ince for their long time and faithful support, especially during Larry's long illness.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Blake Smith



Sanders Funeral Home - January 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Curtis and family,

We are sorry for your loss. Larry was a special man who will be missed.

*Lots of love, hugs and prayers,
Tracy, Amy, Trey and Sam Odom*

Tracy Odom - January 07, 2014 at 08:40 PM

JW

“ Well, the John Warner family was blessed to have been a neighbor to this man (Larry) and his wonderful family. We lived across the street in Lubbock for about 10 years or more. I have so many wonderful memories and stories that I could share with you about Larry, my neighbor... no Larry my brother! I'll pick this one to share. I know Larry enjoyed it as much as I always have for I have told it hundreds of times since I left Lubbock.

Each year, Larry and I thought we were the best “handy-men” that a family could ever have. Both of us had a knack for thinking that... “ well, I can fix that.” Key word here is “thinking.” Most of the time when I went to fix something around the house, it resulted in me busting a thumb or cutting a part of my body severely. I always felt that it would not have happened if I had the right tool. So, off across the street I'd go to borrow one of Larry's tools. Perhaps weeks later, I would remember to return the tool. Larry would always say... “it's about time, I've needed that tool so much!” (Aside... he'd be smiling.)

From time to time Larry needed one of my tools and would come across the street for a tool borrowing meeting. However, Larry often kept my tool or tools. O, he'd always returned them, but there was only one day in the year he felt that it would be appropriate to return them. When was that you ask? Well, it normally occurred as we backed out of our driveway, Dodge Colt, packed to the gills with a wife, two children, a dog, suitcases and boo coos of Christmas presents. We were headed home for Christmas at Grandma's house.

Larry would come running out hollering “STOP, STOP!” “I have your Christmas present!” Big smiles on his face was most likely the best present I got but, taking the gift and then unwrapping it... yep, there would be all my borrowed tools. He loved it! I loved it! Our entire family loved it! And, if that was not enough, Linda would come out with a GIANT basket of food saying... “now, you folks are going to have to eat on the way to Grandma's.” So many wonderful snacks

were found and normally eaten before we got to the city limits of Lubbock.

Moral to the Story:

GIANT gifts often come from small packages! The package of the love for this man and his wife will travel with us until we too arrive at Christmas where Larry is now living. By the way Larry, Grandma is there too! If you have any more of my tools, just give them to her or wait till I get there. OK?

John Warner - January 07, 2014 at 12:23 PM

CT

“ So sorry i can not be there to show our condolence,yall are in our thoughts an prayers uncle Larry was a wonder man,son,husband,brother,father an grandfather,we will miss him very much..Love yall. Mr &Mrs.Jeff &chandra Trumpower an kids

chandra Trumpower - January 06, 2014 at 06:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Blake Smith.*



January 06, 2014 at 02:53 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Blake Smith.*



January 06, 2014 at 10:11 AM

CD

“ Linda,
I am very sorry for your loss. Larry was a good and decent man and I am proud to have known him. My prays are with you during this difficult time.
Charles Dunn

Charles Dunn - January 06, 2014 at 09:18 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Larry Blake Smith.



January 04, 2014 at 11:54 PM

GG

“ Larry and Linda are among our our nearest and dearest. We share many many memories with them. They taught us to square dance and we taught them to ski and had lots of fun and laughter along the way. We were in Sunday School and church together and prayed together, and individually, for each other's needs and requests. Heaven has gained a warrior and we have lost a dear friend, but only for a little awhile. We look forward to joining him around the throne of God where we'll share many more joyous adventures. Praise God for His marvelous grace and provision! Praying for you , Linda, as you walk through the days ahead without your loving husband of 47 years. Jesus has promised to be there for you each step of the way, and we are here for you as well. Lovingly yours,
Gene and Leah Goodwin

Gene and Leah Goodwin - January 04, 2014 at 04:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Blake Smith.*



January 04, 2014 at 11:36 AM



“ *Susan sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Blake Smith*



Susan - January 04, 2014 at 04:29 AM