



Lewis Leon "Lonnie" Rowlett

March 7, 1928 - February 8, 2015

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1928 - 2015

Services for Lewis Leon "Lonnie" Rowlett will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, in Sanders Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at the City of Lubbock Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evening at the funeral home. Lonnie left his earthly body to meet his Savior and join his beloved Barbara on Sunday, February 8, 2015 in Lubbock, Texas.

Lonnie Rowlett was born on March 7, 1928, in Ada, Oklahoma, to Benjamin Harrison Rowlett and Laura Myrtle (Patterson) Rowlett. Lonnie was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Barbara; his parents; three brothers, Hollis, Harlan, and Terrell Rowlett; and two sisters, Louise Price and Betty Bologna. He is survived by a sister-in-law Helen Rowlett of Sweetwater; one brother-in-law, M. Watson Moore and wife Shirley of Roby; one son, Dr. C. David Rowlett and wife Sandy of Tyler; and three daughters, Kay Hatton and husband Tom of Lubbock, Anne Ivey and husband Mark of Lubbock, and Sherry Rooker and husband Kevin of Dallas.

Lonnie was lovingly known as "Pawpaw" to 10 cherished grandchildren: Angela Hatton Stotts and husband Court, Shannon Hatton Elrod and husband

Chad, Kimberly Rowlett Ewing and husband Austin, Allen Ivey and wife Ginger, Dr. Amanda Hatton (Hudgens) and husband Andy, Jennifer Rowlett Lewis and husband Casey, Alisa Ivey Braly and husband Scottie, Brian Ivey and wife Sara, Laura Catherine Rooker and Thomas Connor Rooker. In addition, he was blessed with 15 great-grandchildren: Avery and Caleb Newton and Alexis Stotts; Adisyn and Aubry Elrod; Carter, Taylor, and Charlie Ewing; Rogan, Athan, and Maevyn Ivey; Camden Lewis; Jaylee and Braylon Braly; Hunter Ivey; and two additional great-grandchildren expected in May.

Lonnie attended high school in Sweetwater, Texas. Too young to follow his older brothers into the military during WWII, he served as a Merchant Seaman on the SS Wilbur O. Atwater at the age of 17. He then joined the United States Air Force where he served in Okinawa, and was honorably discharged in 1949. One year later he married the love of his life, Barbara Anne Moore on December 9, 1950 in Sweetwater, Texas. He followed his dad into bricklaying and worked in Sweetwater and Robert Lee before settling in Midland, TX where he was secretary of the bricklayer's local from 1958-1962. In 1964 they moved their young family to Lubbock where he worked for N. A. Mattison Masonry until he and Barbara started a brick contracting and construction business. Lonnie was frequently sought-out for his quality brickwork. His attention to detail and signature style can be seen throughout West Texas in many homes, churches, office buildings, and schools including Texas Tech University. Lonnie was passionate about living out his Christian faith believing that " ...whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." He loved talking and sharing his life stories and faith with others.

The family would like to thank the many providers that took special care of him over the past few years including Dr. Ibrahim Shalaby, Darla Porter, FNP-C and staff at the Joe Arrington Cancer Center, Dr. Jeff Owen, Dr. Tom Howe, Dr. Mounir Borno, Dr. Howard Hurd and most recently Hospice of Lubbock. In

lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Salvation Army or the Christian ministry of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

FEB 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *How I loved to hear that man laugh! I smile just thinking about him. He and Mrs. Rowlett's warm hospitality were a balm and oasis on several occasions during my college days. When I think of them I think of this passage from Phillipians:*

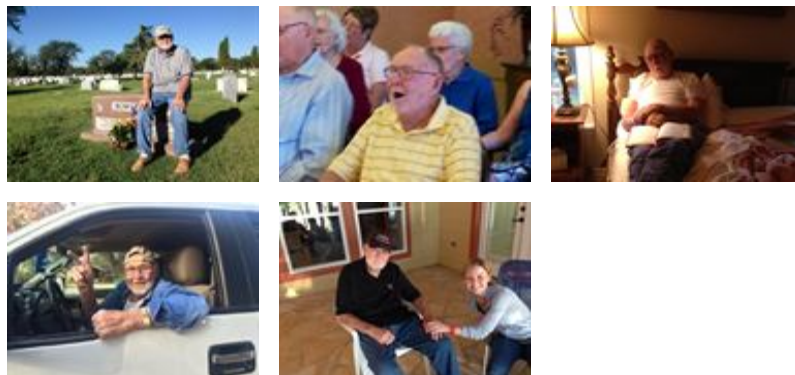
..Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,...

May the joy and laughter that he shared with so many echo through your lives, your children's lives, and all those with whom you meet. God's peace be upon you.

Perry Bice - February 23, 2015 at 10:27 AM



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Sanders Funeral Home - February 10, 2015 at 03:51 PM

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“ *Your family in TIOSH at UT Health Northeast purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Lewis Leon "Lonnie" Rowlett.*



Your family in TIOSH at UT Health Northeast - February 10, 2015 at 02:20 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Lewis Leon "Lonnie" Rowlett.*



February 10, 2015 at 06:11 AM

 Mary Rautis

“ *Paxton and I send our heartfelt condolences to the Rowlett family. We always loved Barbara and Lonnie for their faithfulness to their Lord and their family. When we first came to Bacon Heights Baptist Church in 1975 we were blessed to meet them both. Their love of singing and praising the Lord was a joy to our souls. Barbara helped us to find our first real home in Lubbock and we never will forget her efforts. Now they are together again and singing God's praises for eternity. They have left behind a lifetime of memories that few will ever forget. God bless you all. Paxton and Mary Rautis.*

Mary Rautis - February 09, 2015 at 08:21 PM

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“ *Lonnie was one of the best men I've ever know. He cared for others, always had a laugh. Even if the laugh was at himself. I always felt happy when talking or with him. I'm sure he has a place in Heaven with his Heavenly Father and others he loved who passed before him. I still remember the day he brought Barbara to meet us and say they were getting married. I loved him so much and still think of the beautiful red hair he had when he was young. Lots of memories.....Janice*

Janice Gesin - February 09, 2015 at 04:40 PM