



Elmer Thompson

July 5, 1920 - February 19, 2012

A celebration of the “Home Going” of Bo Thompson will be Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 10 AM at Ridgewood Baptist Church under the direction of Kernodle Funeral Home with Rev. Carl Weatherford officiating, burial will be in Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Forrest City, Arkansas.

Mr. Thompson was born on July 5, 1920 to Flanders and Ethel Gill Thompson and was welcomed home by his Heavenly Father Sunday, February 19, 2012 at the age of 91 years 6 months and 14 days. He was married to Roxie Ann Troy Thompson on June 7, 1945 and three children were born to that union, Eugene, Carl and Billy Thompson. The couple also raised two nieces, Naomi and Nona Mae Huskisson. On September 8, 1967 Bo and Clara Fay Smith Thompson were married.

Mr. Thompson worked as a carpenter with his father until entering the Navy in June, 1943. After the war he returned to Forrest City and began working as a Grocer with Broadway Grocery, Thompson’s Grocery on North Division and later on South Division. After retiring from the grocery business, he took up carpentry again, working until just a few years ago. Mr. Thompson loved his church and served faithfully in various capacities, notably as a Sunday School teacher for over 50 years. He played on the church softball team until he was well into his seventies. He loved singing and playing his guitar. The last few years he and a group of friends made visits twice a week to local nursing homes singing and playing for, and with, the residents.

Mr. Thompson is preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Roxie Ann Troy

Thompson; two brothers, Francis (Dougie) Thompson and Marion (Wilfred) Thompson; two sisters, Hazel Martin and Mildred Dunn; step son Larry Smith; grandson Steven Carl Thompson; and great grandsons, Nathan Thompson and James Brock.

Mr. Thompson is survived by his wife Clara; sons, Eugene Thompson and wife Linda of Ardmore, OK; Carl Thompson and wife Lee of Bay Minette, AL; Billy Thompson and wife Karen of Forrest City; step-children, Lola Ponder and husband Elmer of Colt; Charlotte Barnette of Wynne; Sharon Hillis and husband Gary of West Memphis, David Smith and wife Evelyn of Chrestview, FL; Christopher Smith of Santa Rosa, CA; Belinda Hollis and husband Bobby of Cherokee Village, AR; beloved nieces Naomi Thomas and Nona Edwards and husband Jim, both of Mountain View, AR; 21 grandchildren and 50 great grandchildren.

Family visitation will be Tuesday, February 21 at Kernodle Funeral Home from 6 to 8 PM.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Ridgewood Baptist Church Building Fund.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ My sympathies and prayers go out to you all. I, too, have fond memories of visiting Uncle Bo and Aunt Roxie as a child. This family left a lasting impression on me, as they indeed, 'practiced what they preached'. What a great celebration is going on in heaven right now!

June Troy Milliken - February 22, 2012 at 09:36 PM

JT

“ My deepest sympathies to all. My favorite memories of childhood were going to visit Uncle Bo and Aunt Roxie. Oh how I missed them when we moved to Northwest Ark in 1959. Tho it was a long time ago, the fond memories are still vivid. Naomi, Nona Mae, Eugene, Carl, Billy, and to Clare and children, I am so sorry. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you have been often over the years. May God's love comfort and keep you all.

Judy Troy - Taylor - February 21, 2012 at 09:06 PM

DG

“ Bro. Bo has gone home to be with his Heavenly Father after many years of working for the Lord. May God be with you at this time. May he comfort you and give you strength in the days to come. Bro. Bo is at peace in his Father's arms. Lean on God and let him give you peace here on earth.

Darlene Goins - February 21, 2012 at 07:28 PM

RB

“ Blessings for the family at the loss of Bo. All your friends at FBC Ardmore are lifting you up in prayer both for now and the days to come. We pray God's peace and mercy for loved ones as you celebrate the life of a great man in your family.

Ron Brown - February 21, 2012 at 11:06 AM

DP

“ *We praise the Lord that He saved Bo and now has received him home to Heaven!*

Dr. Larry C. Patterson - February 20, 2012 at 05:27 PM

JP

“ *Belinda and Bobby, we are so sorry for your loss, you are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Judy & Danny Pufahl - February 20, 2012 at 04:08 PM