



J. Edwin Smith

September 19, 2026 - April 29, 2011

J. Edwin "Ed" Smith, 84, a lifetime resident of the Tyler area, went home to our Lord on April 29, 2011. Ed Smith was a popular radio personality with the "Wake Up and Live" show which aired for more than three decades on several Tyler radio stations. Mr. Smith was also well known locally as a real estate broker and petroleum landman. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy. Mr. Smith's parents, Lawrence and Myrtle Smith, sisters Gladys and Veta, and brother Virgil also preceded him in death.

Mr. Smith is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law Larry and Patty Smith of Aledo, Texas, Garry and Joyce Smith of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and Barry and Faye Smith of Colorado as well as his sister and brother-in-law, Neta and Billy Hall of Lindale, Texas. Mr. Smith leaves five loving grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Smith was a lifelong Southern Baptist and a member of Antioch Baptist Church of Sand Flat, Texas. Visitation is scheduled at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale Texas at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, 2011 with funeral services following at 2 p.m.

Pallbearers will be Brady Smith, Landon Smith, Tracy Jenkins, Jay Tucker, Bud Allred, & Randy Baggett.

Burial will be at New Harmony cemetery under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made in his memory to Hospice of East Texas or the church mission program of your choice.

The family would like to give a special thank you to his caregivers, Royce Couch and Donna Jumper.

Tribute Wall



“ J. Edwin Smith

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ J. Edwin Smith

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ Keep Those Records Spinning Old Friend. Wake Up And Live!!
Neal Whitehead Jr

May 03, 2011 at 05:04 PM



“ My first recollection of Ed was in 1957 when I moved to Tyler to work for KTBB. Ed worked at KGKB and until he came to work at KTBB, we were friendly competitors. Ed was a major contributor to early day East Texas radio and highly respected by all who knew him.
Hugh Neeld

May 02, 2011 at 08:22 PM



“ I remember Ed during his days at KTBB Radio. His morning show was very popular.
May he rest in peace.
Stanley Waghalter

May 02, 2011 at 10:23 AM