

*Homecoming Celebration for
Bessie Mae Smith
May 14, 1929 - December 19, 2005*



*Rosehill Baptist Church
Groveton, Texas
Reverend Robert Twine
Pastor and Officiator
Friday, December 23, 2005
11:00 a.m.*

MOTHER

*Never a sigh for the cares that she bare for you
Never a thought of the joys that flew by
Mothers' one regret is that she couldn't do more for you
Thoughtless & selfish, to be grateful you never did try
Kind, warm, patient, devoted, this is always Mothers' way
She is the only one that can love you longer than the day
There shall never be another quite so tender, quite so kind
As the patient little mother; no where on this earth you'll find
Down the years how often we've tried her, sometimes selfish,
heedless, & blind
Yet with love alone to guide her she was never once unkind
Vain are all our tributes to her if in words alone they dwell*

*We must live the praises due to her; there's no other way to tell
Gentle Mother that we love her. Would you say as you recall
All the patient service of her, you've been worthy of it all?
Oh, the long night that she came at your call to you
Oh, the soft touch of her hand on your bow
Oh, the long years that she gave up her all to you
Oh, how you yearn for her warm gentleness now
Slave to her baby! Yes, that was they way of her
Counting her greatest services small
Words cannot tell what this heart would say of her
MOTHER- The sweetest & fairest of all*

From the Children

*Order of Celebration
Pastor Robert Twine, Officiator*

Melody Reminiscence.....Musician

Processional.....Clergy and Family

A Call To Worship.....Pastor Robert Twine

*Celebration Praise.....Groveton Community
Male Chorus*

*Words of Comfort.....New Testament
Old Testament*

The Prayer.....

Memorial Tribute.....Solo--David Horace

Expressions.....(3 minutes)

Obituary.....Read Silently.....Soft Music

*Resolutions and
Acknowledgements.....Martha Bray*

Solo.....Emmitt Horace

Eulogy.....Reverend Robert Twine

Closing Prayer.....Reverend Robert Twine

Recessional.....

*I'll Fly Away.....Groveton Community
Male Chorus*

Obituary

Birthdate 5-14-29
Birthplace Trinity County
Parents The Late Washington Reese and Minnie Gardner
Religious Affiliation Member of United Methodist Church of The Josseland, Corrigan and Moscow Circuit.
Education Graduated, Groveton High School Groveton, Texas and attended Mary Allen College in Crockett, Texas
Demise December 19, 2005
Survivors Husband, Olga Smith, Groveton, Texas; Daughter, Melanie Smith, Fort Worth, Texas; Two sons, James G. Smith and Olga Otis Smith of Groveton, Texas; Stepdaughters, Rita F. Danford and Son In Law Ben Danford of Groveton, Texas and Maretha Lawrence and Son In Law Reily Lawrence of Groveton, Texas; one Brother, Roosevelt T. Reese of Houston, Texas; Sister In Law Mary Alice Reese; 14 Grandchildren and a host of Great Grandchildren

I need the quiet

I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside and to the shadows where we could confide away from the bustle where all the day long I hurried and worried when active and strong

I need the quiet, though at first I rebelled but gently, so gently my cross He upheld and whispered so sweetly of spiritual things. Though weakened in body my spirit took wings, to heights never dreamed of when active and gay. He loved me so greatly, He drew me away.

I needed the quiet, no prison my bed, but a beautiful valley of blessings instead. A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide. I need the quiet, so He drew me aside.

*Interment
Parkers Ridge Cemetery
Groveton, Texas*

*Final arrangements entrusted to
Groveton Funeral Home
1019 West First Street
Groveton, Texas
800-809-9038 936-642-1125*

Acknowledgement

When it seemed that our loss was too great to bear, we looked up and saw our friends were there. For too many times when our loved ones are gone, we need more than a shoulder to lean on. While our eyes were filled with tears, you were there to hold us near. While our hearts and faces were full of grief, God blessed you with words of relief. Your words of comfort flowed like rain showers, you comforted us even more with your food and flowers. So we, the family, truly want to say, thank God for friends like you.

The family

Active Pallbearers

*Rodrick Smith
Warren Reese
Ralph Bennett
Rolland L. Smith*

*Franklin Johnson
Michael Sander
Willie Washington
Charles Reese*

Honorary Pallbearers

*Peyton Franklin
Curtis R. Dennis*

*Lorenzo Rodriguez
Winfred E. Chadwick*