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LELAND O. SMITH

Mr. Leland O. Smith, age 92 of Crockett, passed away Tuesday, September 5, 2006 peacefully in the afternoon. Mr. Smith was born August 26, 1914 in Woodville and was the youngest of 10 children.

Mr. Smith was a charter member of Timbergrove Baptist Church where he was a youth sponsor for many years and was able to influence the lives of many young people in the area.

During his time in the church Mr. Smith also spent 57 years volunteering at the Star of Hope Mission. Throughout this half century of volunteering, he was instrumental in helping men less fortunate than himself realize that there was a life out there worth living.

Mr. Smith was also a 50-year member of the Free-Masons and was an active member at the Reagan Lodge for many years.

Whether you knew him as Dad, L.O., Uncle Buck, Mr. Smith, Dickbo, Poppi, or his favorite, Mr. Grandpa, you could always count on him to cheer up your day with a quick joke or an old story that would begin with, "Did I ever tell you about the time I..." Mr. Smith had a way of making everyone around him feel comfortable and welcome.

Mr. Smith was a long time resident of Houston, but has lived in Lovelady the past four years where he was able to fulfill a lifelong goal of retiring to the "country." Mr. Smith will be remembered as a dedicated Christian, father, husband, uncle, grandfather, brother, and friend, but most importantly as a gracious volunteer of his time. Mr. Smith will be dearly missed by everyone he touched throughout his life, but has left those close to him a legacy of giving back to your family and community.

Survivors include his son Leland E. Smith and wife Shirley Smith, of Lovelady; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceded in death by his wife of 57 years Jettann Briggs Smith; and son Roland W. Smith.

Funeral Services for Mr. Leland O. Smith were held Saturday, September 9, at 11:00 a.m. at the Chapel at Heights Funeral Home.

Graveside services followed at Forest Park West.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to L.O. Smith Memorial Fund at the Star of Hope Mission, Houston, Texas.