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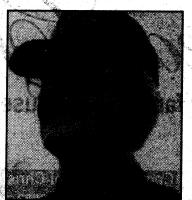
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## Vernon E. Smith

Sprvices for Vernon E. Smith (Smitty) age 70 of Grapeland were held Saturday, January 29, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Grapeland with Arthur Betz and Rev. Jerome Simpson officiating. Interment followed in the San Pedro Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster, Grapeland.

Pallbearers were Tom Lemay, Don Whitten, Jason Henry, Buddy Templeton, Cecil Oswell and Eddie Turner. Honorary pallbearers were all of the Wal-Mart associates.

Smitty passed away
Wednesday, January 26,
2005 at Palestine Regional
Medical Center. Smitty was
born. July 8, 1934 in
Pennington, Texas to Earl
and Pearl McGee Smith.



Smitty was the owner operator of Smitty's Grocery Store in Conroe for 14 years. Smalmart in Crockett for 10 years, and Smalmart in Grapeland for 5 years, and he has been employed with Wal-Mart Warehouse for the last 6 years. He also raised race horses for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Earl Smith.

He is survived by his wife,

Bobbye Smith of Grapeland; daughters, Kalinda Franklin and husband, Chuck of Grapeland, Vicki McDaniel of Latexo, Sharon Walker of Grapeland and Ronda Shamblin of Latexo; a sister, Lois Henry of Katy, Margie Faye Eastepp of Grapeland; brother, Santiel Edward Smith; cleans grandchildren and eighteth great grandchildren.