



Elva Louise (Limb) Smith

December 10, 2016

Elva Louise Smith, daughter of the late Virgil Rolla and Lena Vera (Boone) Limb, was born April 27, 1930, in Snomac, Oklahoma. She grew up attending school in Seminole, until age thirteen; her family then moved to Tulsa where she completed her education, graduating from Daniel Webster High School in 1948.

Elva made a profession of faith as a young girl, following in baptism and was committed to serving the Lord.

Elva, the shy girl that she was, soon would be swept off her feet by a handsome Navy man, John Willard Smith and the two were married on June 20, 1948 in the Red Fork Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Blessings from Heaven followed with the births of their four children, Vera Louise, Elva Jean "E.J.", John Willard and Vernon Rolla.

Elva lovingly cared for her home and family as they were her pride and joy. She and John extended their love by becoming Foster parents.

Due to John being employed with Mid Continent Oil Company, the family moved to numerous places such as, New Mexico, Texas, Kansas, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa settling there for five years. While in Liberia; John and Elva along with all four children, continued serving their Lord as missionaries.

Elva worked outside the home for several companies such as, Phillips Petroleum Company, American Corporative School as their secretary, Wallace and Eddins-Walcher Oil Companies, Wal-Mart, Lexington Apartments and Motor Inn as Assistant Manager, and at the Ennis Care Center in Texas.

After John's retirement in 1991 the family moved back to Oklahoma until 2002; John and Elva then decided to move into the small community of Richland, Missouri and began attending Grace Baptist Church, where they were greatly loved and received by all. Elva having a servant's heart continued serving her Lord and His church.

Elva was not one to sit still, always keeping busy. She enjoyed cooking for her family and baking her famous homemade rolls that put smiles on anyone's face who received them; she also enjoyed reading, studying her Bible, playing the piano, working on puzzles and outside in her yard. However, Elva's most treasured times were spent with her family, and friends.

On the morning of Saturday, December 10, 2016, surrounded by her loving family, Elva took the hand of her loving Lord she so faithfully served, went home for Christmas to be greeted by her beloved husband, John having attained the age of 86 years, 7 months and 13 days.

Elva leaves to cherish her memory, four children: Vera Smith of Richland, MO, "EJ" Beauchamp (Jim Cassidy) of Redding, CA, John Smith (Wendie) of Richland, MO, Vernon Smith (Donna) of Boerne, TX; 7 grandchildren: Jennifer Nielson (Chad), Michaela Beauchamp, Johnny Smith (Maykala), Mary Smith, Vernon Smith Cody Davis (Amber), Kacy Norgan (Chad); 5 great grandchildren: Noah and Christian Nielson, Zephaniah Engelehaupt and Miyah Courtroul and Chase Norgan, several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Elva was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John, one brother Gene Limb and his wife Marilyn.

Though Elva has left our sight for just a little while, she will live on in our hearts forever, as we treasure the memories that were made.

A Celebration of Life service was held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 15, 2016 in the Grace Baptist Church of Richland, Missouri with Pastor's Fred Bobe and Pastor Rocky Harris officiating. The recorded song, "She still remembers Jesus' Name" was played. Paul Boone led the congregation in singing, "How Great Thou Art" and "Victory in Jesus." Paul then sang, "In Christ Alone." Soloist, Mary Ann Tate sang "What A Day That Will Be." Inurnment was in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Springfield, Missouri.

Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in Elva Smith's memory to Grace Baptist Church for the LEBAP-Living Epistle Baptist Church Philippines Missions and may be left at either the church at Memorial Chapel of Richland Funeral Home.

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, why we look not at the things that are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things that are not seen are eternal.

Online condolences can be sent at www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com.

Cemetery

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Springfield

5201 S. Southwood Road

Springfield, MO, 65804

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Memorial Chapels and Crematory - December 16, 2016 at 03:50 PM



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“ Vera and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your dear sweet mama. I thought the absolute world of her as did so many others in Richland. I will always cherish our visits, her beautiful smile and the memories of her. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ellen Newell - December 14, 2016 at 10:22 AM



“ We will always remember Mama Elva Smith, as the sweet and brave woman who at 83 years old traveled 30 hours to come to a remote town in the Philippines to share with our mission work for 10 days. She was able to even mingle with some of our 300 VBS children during that summer. Despite the heat of around 95-110F gamely joined in every single activity of our church. She even celebrated her 83rd birthday in our church service complete with a cake.

At 86 years old, when her memory was failing her, we were surprised that she still fondly remembered us during our visit with her in Missouri. She would share a laugh when we reminisce her Philippine mission experience.

Our church people at LEBap fondly remember her as we learned to love her. We will miss her but she had made an impact in our lives. To Vera, John, EJ, we share your sorrow and joy. Someday soon, she will be there to meet us all at the feet of Jesus!

Sincerely,

Ezzard Ayson and Lisa with our kids Eli, and Ysha



Ezzard Ayson - December 12, 2016 at 10:51 PM



“ Patti Powell lit a candle in memory of Elva Louise (Limb) Smith



Patti Powell - December 12, 2016 at 02:26 PM



“ Carla Skidmore lit a candle in memory of Elva Louise (Limb) Smith



Carla Skidmore - December 12, 2016 at 02:11 PM



“ Mrs.Elva was my very "special friend" of mine. (That was an inside joke between me & her.)

I remember best that she never missed a church service and either before or after service we would share hugs. I would always ask her, "How are you?" And she always responded, "Better now!" Then that beautiful smile would appear on her face! I loved me some Mrs. Elva & can't wait to see her again!

Mary Ann Tate - December 12, 2016 at 02:01 PM



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John Smith - December 12, 2016 at 12:37 PM