



## Morgan Smith Jr.

November 25, 1939 - February 28, 2020

Morgan Smith, Jr. was born in Cameron, Texas on November 25, 1939, to the late Morgan Smith Sr. and Vera (Black) Smith. He attended schools in Milam County and in Brownfield, TX.

He was baptized at an early age. Morgan was a faithful member of Wesley United Methodist Church where he ushered until his health no longer allowed him to serve. He loved the Lord and his Church Family.

Morgan met and married the love of his life, Vella Brooks. They were married for 59 years. He was truly a family man that loved his family unconditionally. He was an excellent provider and protector. Morgan was kind and loving with a quiet spirit. He was a man of few words.

Morgan developed a passion for riding and (breaking) horses at an early age. He loved working on cars and was quick to tell you what the problem was. His hobbies were playing pool and dominoes. He played well and taught his granddaughters how to play dominoes (chicken foot).

Morgan loved to BBQ DEM ribs that everyone loved. He did not slack on cooking his pinto beans and chili beans.

He was a dedicated worker. He proudly worked at Browning and Ferris Industries for 35 years. He received numerous honors and safety awards throughout his driving career. The Environmental Industry Association Driver of the year: 1982, 1996, 2001, 2002. Man of the year, BFI Award of Safety 1982 & 1983. The OJ Thomas Alumni Man of the Year 2013, and the National Safety Council Million Mile Club for Outstanding Performance in Driving

1,000,000 miles without a Preventable Accident.

He was preceded in death by: Brothers Freddie Smith Sr., Walter Fisher, Tommie Fisher, Charlie Fisher, Bobbie Moore, Sisters Jamie Moody, and Catherine Black.

Morgan is survived by: His loving wife of 59 years, Vella B. (Brooks) Smith. His children Harriet Charles of Johnson City, Tennessee, Kinus Phillips (Rev. Willie Phillips Sr.) of Rockdale, TX, LaVera A. Wade (Charles) of Round Rock, TX, Tassy Smith Penn (Michael) of Leander, TX. (Adopted Children): Mary Butler (Pinkney) Tyler, TX, Lois West (Carl), of Garland, TX, Ingrid Morton (Dernard) of Stockbridge, GA, and James Smith (Renee) of Austin, TX. (Grandchildren): Willie E. Phillips, Jr. (Kristy), Rafael Gary (April), Katrina Charles, Shanita Phillips, Trevin R. Wade (Courtney), Bria Penn, TaNia Penn, Annie Wade, Charles Wade Jr., Cedric Lewis, and Amber Robertson (Dennis). (Great Grandchildren): Amiyah Gary, Kaleb Gary, Savannah Wade, Maverick Wade, Willie Kingston Phillips, Zoey Wade, Remington Sakewitz, Gabrielle Robertson, and a host of nieces, nephews, and many friends. (Most Loving Aunt): Gertharine Green. (Sister-in-laws): Ruby Pittman, Bertha Brooks, Jennie Brooks, and Gloria Smith. (Siblings): Gladys Jackson, Melvin Fisher, Johnny B. Fisher (Delores), Luther Johnson (Wilma), Oscar Johnson, Richard Johnson, Velma Johnson, and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Milam Grove Cemetery

Maysfield, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Wesley United Methodist Church  
1164 San Bernard Street  
Austin, TX 78702

## Celebration Service

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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1164 San Bernard Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Morgan Smith Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



**A Life Celebration by Franklin** - April 11, 2020 at 09:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Morgan Smith Jr..*



March 22, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Smith family.*

**Linda Johnson** - March 07, 2020 at 11:03 PM

DF

“ *Doris Fern lit a candle in memory of Morgan Smith Jr.*



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**Doris Fern** - March 06, 2020 at 10:45 PM

MS

“ *Harriet (Ann) and the Morgan family, God is able and he will walk right beside you. He will never leave you. He is our God of Comfort!*  
*M Savage*

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**Mae Savage** - March 06, 2020 at 09:17 PM

CF

“ *Charles Fisher. The Fisher Family lit a candle in memory of Morgan Smith Jr.*



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**Charles Fisher. The Fisher Family** - March 06, 2020 at 04:17 PM

WG

“ *WE LOVE YOU AUNT VELLA- TRISH'S GIRLS purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Morgan Smith Jr..*



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**WE LOVE YOU AUNT VELLA- TRISH'S GIRLS** - March 06, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Morgan Smith Jr..*



March 06, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Morgan Smith Jr..*



March 06, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Morgan Smith Jr..*



March 05, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ *GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL.  
I AM AND WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR  
ALL OF YOU.. I LOVE YOU ALL .. BE  
BLESSED.*



**Peggy Morrison** - March 05, 2020 at 01:18 AM

JB

“ Johnny and Monica Bowens purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Morgan Smith Jr..



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**Johnny and Monica Bowens** - March 04, 2020 at 09:22 PM

LW

“ Cousin Vella, you and the family have my deepest condolences... the only words I can think of to say in your time of grief are " Look to the hills where your joy shall come from. I love you all and may God continue to bless your hearts.  
Love Always  
Loretta (Retta)

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**Loretta Whitfield** - March 04, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Morgan Smith Jr..



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March 03, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Morgan Smith Jr..



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March 03, 2020 at 03:46 PM

DF

“ *Doris Fern lit a candle in memory of Morgan Smith Jr.*



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**Doris Fern** - March 03, 2020 at 12:02 PM

DF

“ *Dear Vella B., Praying that you will feel God's loving arms around you and that you may find peace in knowing that God does not make mistakes. With heartfelt sympathy.  
Your friend, Doris Fern*

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**Doris Fern** - March 03, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ *Aunt Vella and family my heart is broken for the loss of Uncle Morgan. You have my condolences. I pray for peace and healing in Jesus Christ mighty name amen. Love you Brenda*

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**Brenda Roberson** - March 02, 2020 at 03:41 PM

WA

*Aunt Vella my condolences goes out to you and your Family.I'm gonna miss teasing him about you burning him up when it's cold weather.My heart is broken and it's hard for me to believe it.I'm gonna miss seeing Uncle Morgan in his jeans,shirt,cowboys boots and hat.Aunt Vella I love you always and you can call me anytime.R.I.P. UNCLE MORGAN.You will truly be miss and love always.  
Willie J.Alexander(June)*

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**Willie Alexander** - March 04, 2020 at 12:02 AM