



## Arthur Cranston Smith

March 3, 1928 - September 19, 2015

Cranston Smith went to be with the Lord Saturday, September 19, 2015. He was a faithful member of Gardendale First Baptist Church and a volunteer in the Family Life Center for 24 years. He was also an avid bowler. He is survived by two daughters, Terilyn Whitten and Lettie Marie Smith and a host of family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, James W and Lettie Ann Smith and his siblings. Visitation will be Wednesday, September 23, 2015, between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. at The New Gardendale Funeral Home with Leon Zalinski officiating. Burial will be in Duck River Cemetery, Cullman County, AL.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Mr. Cranston and I were new friends, but what a friend he was to me in that short time! I will never forget his kindness, and his love for Jesus and others. Our visits were filled with stories, laughter and encouragement. He knew how to make you feel very loved! He shared Jesus!*

*His big bear hugs were the best ever! Never a meeting went by that I didn't get one of those big bear hugs and him telling me how much he loved me, my daughter and my family. In our last conversation on the phone he asked me to come and give him a hug the next time I see him. I happily made that promise, and I very much intent to keep it!*

*Thank you Mr. Cranston for loving Jesus with all your heart, for your devotion to our church, for your love for everyone around you, and especially for being my friend. I will miss you, but I know I will see you soon!*

*Rachel Hatcher*

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**Rachel Hatcher** - September 23, 2015 at 09:21 AM

CW

“ *Cranston was a wonderful friend and a faithful servant of God. We loved to visit with him and talk about Jesus. He loved the Lord with all his heart and it was a pleasure to know him. He loved German Chocolate cake and I loved to bake them for him. He will be greatly missed but we know he is with his Lord and Savior and we will see him again! Our prayers are with his family during this time.*

*Vera and Carl Wideman*

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**Carl Wideman** - September 21, 2015 at 04:19 PM

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“ *It has been an honor, privilege and blessing to worship with and work around Cranston for so many years. He will be missed in our church and in the Family Life Center. God Bless the friends and family at this time. Betty Phillips - GFBC Library.*

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**Betty Phillips** - September 21, 2015 at 12:22 PM