



## William Parker Basham

October 30, 1928 - November 27, 2009

William Parker Basham, 81, of Huntsville, Arkansas, died November 27, 2009 at his home. He was born October 30, 1928 at Fayetteville, Arkansas, the son of Omar and Pearl Parker Basham. He was the owner and operator of Basham Oil and Tire Company in Huntsville for fifty-three years. He was a member of Faith Southern Baptist Church in Huntsville and a fifty-eight year member of Huntsville Lodge #364, Free and Accepted Masons. He was a graduate of Huntsville State Vocational School, attended Arkansas Tech in Russellville and graduated from Kansas State University. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Geneva Yvonne Clark Basham on December 16, 1991. Survivors include: his wife, Gerry Harper Basham of the home; one daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Tom Theodore of Greer, South Carolina and one granddaughter, Holly Theodore of Greer, South Carolina. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A. M. Monday, November 30, in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home with The Reverend Howard Cox officiating. Interment will be in the Huntsville Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home [www.brashearsfuneralhome.net](http://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net) of Huntsville, Arkansas. Pallbearers will be: James Ford, Joe Bradshaw, Bob Hankins, Larry Bolinger, Bob Bolinger, Tom Shrum and Gary Bunch. Honorary pallbearers will be: Truman Harrison, David Duncan, Carson Glenn, Art Callico, and Elmer Faddis.

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ *Melissa, I just read of your father's passing. My thoughts and prayers for you and your family.*

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**Tammy Griggs Mata** - December 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Bill will certainly be missed in this community. It's sad to see his station closed. I'm sorry for your loss.*

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**Janice Smith** - December 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Melissa, I'm so sorry for your loss. Hope you and your family find comfort during this time. I would love to get in touch with you and catch up.*

*Peace,*

*Tressia*

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**Tressia (Hudgins) Carr** - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

J)

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Bill. He was very special to my family .He helped us alot over the years. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all .*

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**Joycie ( Womack )Stadler** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *William Parker Basham*

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**Karla Thomas** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *William Parker Basham*

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**Jim & Sue Jo Watson** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Melissa & Family: Rev. Cox did an outstanding service describing your dad and family today. He will be missed by this community and his many friends. Know that he lived a full life and had fun doing so! I will never forget when he, Matt, David Cline, Todd Bolinger and I ran out of gas in Oklahoma coming back from snow skiing. He said he had often wondered "why" people ran out of gas and now he knew why! I don't think he ever got that guage fixed on that blue Chevy Blazer! Or the day he told Mari in lift line at Squaw Valley California, "my feet hurt today" and she looked down and he had skiied half a day with his boots on the wrong feet....he was always such a joy to be around! Our family will miss him greatly!*

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**Richard & Mari Gillham** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Dear Melissa and Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with  
you and your family. Your  
father will be greatly missed.*

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**Jann Herriman Baker** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I will miss Bill and his tall tales!May God Bless*

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**Jay Moffett** - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ MELISSA, SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

JAMES & DEANNA MCELHANEY - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ William Parker Basham

Jon Warren - November 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ The Family of Dale Phillips sends their condolences at this time of sorrow. Dale, Linda, Scott and Jerri Sue Phillips and Katrina Burnett Dad wanted to be there but is having dental surgery in the morning at the same time. Melissa I am sorry to hear about your loss.  
Katrina

Dale Phillips Family - November 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ He was such a joy to know, and a wonderful link to our families past. His stories about the family will be treasured always. Love and prayers to Melissa, Holly, Tom and Gerry.

Robert & Darlene Brehm - November 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ We will miss Bill. We have great memories. Our prayers are with your family.  
Jeff and Sara Reeves and Family

Jeff and Sara Reeves - November 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Our thoughts are with you during this time of sorrow.

Charles and Betty Jo Gurley - November 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Many thoughts and prayers to the family. He will always be in our hearts and memories for years to come.

Edna McKnight & Family - November 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.

Charlinda, Curtis and Caleb Reeves - November 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Melissa,  
I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I will treasure all the memories I have of your family. When your dad was driving we always got to the Eagle ball games or other destinations very quickly! Bill & Geneva were always watching over you and your friends. I am thankful to have known them. You are in our prayers.  
Love, Jennifer

Jennifer Herriman-Blankenship - November 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ I remember always going to his shop and him saying did you get anymore of those tattoos. It always made me laugh he was a good man and he will be missed by me and my family.

justin young - November 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Southside Christian School sends our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.*

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**Don Kauffman** - November 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *My condolences to the Basham family. May the Lord hold each of you tight.*

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**Alvin Herrington** - November 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Bill and I were friends even before we started to school -- a long time ago.*

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**Margaret Smith** - November 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Melissa,  
My thoughts are with you. I am sorry for your loss.*

*Jean Ann McDonald Moles*

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**Jean Ann Moles** - November 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *William Parker Basham*

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**Douglas Burk** - November 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM