



## Tarver Smith

February 18, 1909 - December 14, 2007

Tarver Robertson Smith, 98 year-old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died December 14, 2007, at Siloam Springs Nursing and Rehab, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Born February 18, 1909 in Jonesboro, Louisiana, she was the daughter of Hugh Robertson and Bertha Sutton Robertson. She was a graduate of John Brown University. She later worked as a secretary in Alumni Services at John Brown University. She was preceded in death by her husband Joe R. Smith in 1997; and one son, Richard Hugh Smith in 1951. Survivors include three daughters, Thera Barber of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, Ruth Ronan of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Tarver Jo LamNang from Florence, Italy; three grandchildren Gine LamNang, Gianni LamNang and Gregory LamNang; and one sister, Mildred Walker of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM, Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Dr. Steve Abbott and Dr. Jim Walters officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Monday, December 17, at Wasson Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

EV

“ *My thought and prayers are with the family in this time.*

*I have several wonderful memories of Joe and Tarver.*

*Evan Vohs*

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**Evan Vohs** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

KE

“ *Dear Thera and Bob and family,*

*We want you to know we are thinking of you.*

*Tarver was such a sweet lady. We enjoyed getting to know her better when you built your home. We always picture her with a kind smile on her face.*

*We know you and your family will miss her, and we are praying that God will comfort you during this time.*

*Ken and Marsha*

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**Ken and Marsha Emanuelson** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

LC

“ *Being raised here in Silam (& at JBU), I grew up knowing the Smiths. My main memories of Mrs. Smith,(of which I have many) have to do with her being in charge of JBU's Sunday School ministry (held in the old KUOA studio building). Throughout the years, the Smiths were great family friends of my parents (the Kennedy's)too. I'm sure that she will be missed by everyone at JBU who knew & loved her (including all of her many Sunday School kids) throughout the years.*

*Merry Christmas with love,*

*Lucy Jean*

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**Lucy (Kennedy) Cundiff** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

MT

“ *I have no doubt that Jesus has welcomed this fine lady into His loving arms. I have fond memories of having her & Joe as Training Union teachers on Sunday evenings at FBC while in elementary school. My wife, Tracy, is a nursing student and had the privilege of offering care for Tarver recently. Tarver was very special and our prayers are with her family.*

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**Mark Thomas** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

WR

“ *A fine lady who will be missed by JBU alumni. Till we meet again.*

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**Wilbur Maurice Rankin** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

DJ

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all the Smith family. Joe and Tarver were very special members of the John Brown University family.*

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**Dr. John E. & Louise Brown, Jr** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

SW

“ Ruth, Thera & T.J.,  
*Although I can't be there with you, my heart is with you in every sense of the word. One of the most precious blessings in our family is that we have always been able to be very open about how much we love one another. Aunt Tarver always knew how much she was loved by each of us. I can't count how much times I spent over the years as I grew up at your house - but I can definitely say that each time was made special because of Aunt Tarver! The Robertson grandkids always had a good time with her - especially us girls. All the special breakfasts, and tea time with her was always a treat.*

*Most of all, her loving spirit and grace. The love of God shone in everything she did and said. What a testimony! I'm praying that testimony will sustain you in the days ahead.*

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**Shereen West** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

PW

“ *Mrs. tarver First was my mother's friend from JBU days and as my mother's Sunday School teacher. She was Alumni Secretary and prayers for those of us who graduated and went out as missionaries. Her daughter and Thera and I were classmates, so we knew each other through those times as well, but especially through my mother and through missions, I came to love her dearly. She was a wonderful teacher, friend, role model and prayer warrior. She will be sorely missed....a well beloved lady who always loved and cared for others...and again such a dear friend to my mother until she went home to be with the Lord.*

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**Pat Wolf** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

DP

“ *Always remember Mrs. Smith from First Baptist Church and Sunday School. Our condolences to her family.*

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**David and Donna Pickle** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM