



Diane Marie Smithers

July 5, 1952 - January 9, 2015

A memorial service for Diane Marie Smithers, 62, of Tyler will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home at 3:30pm on Friday, January 16, 2015 to celebrate the beautiful life of Diane. She donated her body for research at UT Southwestern as a final gift to others.

Mrs. Smithers passed away on Friday, January 9, 2015 after her battle with cancer.

She was born in Naperville, Illinois on July 5, 1952 to parents Richard and Arlene Hatch. Her family moved to Texas her senior year in high school, where she met her lifelong friend, Karen Powell. She graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with her Bachelor's degree in Psychology. Diane was a member of Rose Heights Church of God. She worked as an Interior Designer for Swanns Furniture for over 20 years. During her time at Swanns she impacted countless lives by creating homes that her customers could be proud to entertain in, and by radiating the love of Christ to those she worked with and served. Her desire was to show the love of Christ to everyone she came into contact with.

Diane loved to travel, and she took at least one trip to Europe every year with her husband. She also loved to cook, spend time with her family, and watch Judge Judy and Wheel of Fortune every day with her husband and dogs. Everyone that knew Diane knew that she loved dogs, and at any given time at the Smithers' home there may very well have been more animals than people. There was never a challenge she would not face, or a fear she could not

overcome. She was a courageous woman who spent her last days fighting and trusting in God.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her loving family including her husband of almost 38 years, W.O. Smithers Jr. of Tyler; children, Nicole Miller and husband Jon of Trophy Club, Natalie Robertson and husband Blake of Grapevine; siblings, Mary Nightingale and husband Gary of Mesquite and Paul Hatch and wife Perry of Georgia. She also leaves behind her beloved dogs, Kayne and Kaylee, as well as 5 grandpuppies that she adored.

Previous Events

Mem. Service

JAN 16. 3:30 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Tribute Wall

KP

“ Karen Powell lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Smithers



Karen Powell - August 14, 2016 at 07:25 PM

KP

It's not a "special" day like a birthday or anniversary . . . I am just thinking of you and missing you, best friend always. Love, Karen

Karen Powell - August 14, 2016 at 07:27 PM



“ Melanie Poland lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Smithers



Melanie Poland - April 19, 2015 at 02:28 PM



“ I was shocked to hear of Diane's passing, when I stopped in to see her yesterday at Swanns. She and I hit it off immediately when we worked together at Swanns and have stayed in touch over the years, but the last time I saw her was in about October. How I wish we had gone to lunch together after that as we had discussed! Diane was so beautiful, truly beautiful inside and out. I LOVED her sense of humor and she and I were constantly laughing when we were together, but Diane also had a deep well of kindness and love in her heart, and was so empathetic and loving toward everyone. She was a true lady and I was honored by every moment I spent with her. I was just talking about her the other day with my daughter Candace, which is why I went by Swanns to reconnect with her - she had been on my mind and I was looking forward to seeing her again. Candace and Natalie and I are grieving her death. I am sad thinking of this world, this town, and even Swanns Furniture without her beautiful smile lighting up the room.

Melanie Poland - April 19, 2015 at 02:24 PM



*I am her daughter.
I just wanted to let you know that what you wrote about my mom was very touching and kind! She really was special, and the world is not the same without her. Heaven definitely became an even better place the moment she arrived.*

Nicole Miller - April 22, 2015 at 11:30 AM

CB

“ W.O., Nicole and Natalie: we remember our times of car-pooling, girl scouting and soccer games - and think of Diane and you with good memories and fondness. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and we pray the Lords comfort and peace be with you now and in the days ahead. Carol and Shaun Black, Sarah, Theresa, Matthew and Angela

carol black - January 16, 2015 at 04:33 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Smithers.*



January 15, 2015 at 08:49 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Smithers.*



January 14, 2015 at 07:20 PM



“ *Paul and Perry Hatch and the girls Jett and Campbell purchased the Blessed Heart for the family of Diane Marie Smithers.*



Paul and Perry Hatch and the girls Jett and Campbell -
January 14, 2015 at 09:06 AM



“ *Arthur R. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Diane Marie Smithers.*



Arthur R. - January 13, 2015 at 07:02 PM

SC

“ Sorry to hear about Diane ,did not know she was ill. We met Diane and W.O. many years ago at church. Our kids attended school together in Tyler. Will miss her help at Swann's and past friendship.



Sherman & Brenda Clem - January 13, 2015 at 06:47 PM



It happened very quickly, we didn't even find out she had cancer 8 days before before she passed. Tell Adam hello :)

Nicole Miller - January 13, 2015 at 09:27 PM

DH

“ As my decorator she became my friend and I knew what a Godly woman she was...her beautiful smile will be missed. My prayers are with her husband and family and her her fellow employees at Swann's who will miss her so much. Dorothy Hammock

Dorothy Hammock - January 13, 2015 at 02:43 PM



Thank you so much for the prayers.

Nicole Miller - January 13, 2015 at 03:34 PM

PT

I had the privilege of going to church with Diane and working with her also. She was a good friend who truly had a heart for God. She was passionate about sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with others. I admired her boldness. I was blessed to be friends with her. I pray for the peace and comfort of God to surround the family in your time of need.

Pamela Tweedy - January 16, 2015 at 10:40 AM

RW

“ I met Diane during our freshman year at SFASU. I can still her laugh and see her smiling face. She could always cheer you up on your darkest day. We lost touch in the years that followed and I can feel her family's loss. I hope you find peace and comfort in the days to come. I know she is home at last.

Rosann Robinson Williford - January 13, 2015 at 02:17 PM



That is so kind. Thank you.

Nicole Miller - January 13, 2015 at 02:31 PM

KA

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort give you the peace that surpasses all thought during this difficult time. (Philippians 4:6,7)

kat - January 13, 2015 at 12:36 PM



Thank you

Natalie Smithers Robertson - January 13, 2015 at 12:47 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Smithers.



January 13, 2015 at 10:50 AM

BD

“ I knew Diane through our Bible Study Fellowship and I am so sorry for your loss. I can attest to her faith and the difference she made in everyone's life. She truly was a powerful witness and a awesome example of God's love. Our prayers are with you.



Boni Demaree - January 13, 2015 at 10:28 AM



Thank you so much

Natalie Smithers Robertson - January 13, 2015 at 12:46 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Smithers.



January 13, 2015 at 12:36 AM

CN

“ Cindy And Randy Nightingale lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Smithers



Cindy and Randy Nightingale - January 12, 2015 at 10:17 PM

AR

“ Arthur Eugene Robertson lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Smithers



Arthur Eugene Robertson - January 12, 2015 at 08:38 PM



“ Mary Nightingale lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Smithers



Mary Nightingale - January 12, 2015 at 08:32 PM

EH

“ Eddie Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Smithers



Eddie Hernandez - January 12, 2015 at 08:16 PM

SC

“ Shirley Crabtree lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Smithers



Shirley Crabtree - January 12, 2015 at 12:05 PM

SW

“ Susan W. lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Smithers



Susan W. - January 12, 2015 at 11:20 AM

PT

“ Pamela Tate purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Diane Marie Smithers.



Pamela Tate - January 12, 2015 at 10:15 AM

PT

“ Pam Tate lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Smithers



Pam Tate - January 12, 2015 at 10:02 AM

PT

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We love you.

Pam Tate - January 12, 2015 at 10:18 AM

BW

“ Beverly Westrup purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Diane Marie Smithers.



Beverly Westrup - January 12, 2015 at 09:48 AM

JB

“ Jennie Bailey lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Smithers



Jennie Bailey - January 12, 2015 at 03:26 AM

GM

“ Genie Moeller lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Smithers



Genie Moeller - January 11, 2015 at 04:52 PM

 Natalie Smithers Robertson

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Natalie Smithers Robertson - January 11, 2015 at 02:12 PM



“ *Nicole Miller lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Smithers*



Nicole Miller - January 11, 2015 at 02:01 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Smithers.*



January 11, 2015 at 12:36 PM



“ *Karen Powell lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Smithers*



Karen Powell - January 10, 2015 at 07:49 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for your family!*

Denise Farr - January 10, 2015 at 04:21 PM

DF

“ *Denise Farr lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Smithers*



Denise Farr - January 10, 2015 at 04:20 PM

DF

“ *Denise Farr purchased the Bright and Beautiful S pray for the family of Diane Marie Smithers.*



Denise Farr - January 10, 2015 at 04:19 PM