



Martha Kay Smith

December 18, 1943 - June 22, 2015

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. Kay died peacefully at Hospice Homeplace on June 22, 2015, after a short, valiant battle with cancer. Kay was loved by her son, Monty Smith and wife Nicole of Whitehouse; daughter, Kelly Hitt and husband Mike of Arp; son, Brandon Smith and wife Heather of Gresham; grandchildren, Michael Smith, Brittany Davis, Cameron Smith, Kelsey Hanson, Peyton Moore, Chris Hitt, Chad Hitt and wife Courtney, Courtney Dell Hitt, Sharon McNeese, Kristen Saylor, and Matt Smith; step-son, Matt Smith and wife Tracy of Chander; twelve great-grandchildren; sisters, Pat Huckabay and Sandy Teel of Spring, and Kathy Tinney of Pearland; aunt, Ruth Young and husband Donald; and many nieces and nephews. We will cherish our memories forever.

Kay was born in Houston to Horace and Mildred Stevens on December 18, 1943. In 1978, she moved to Tyler to be close to her parents. She ran the family business, Shop and Save, in Chapel Hill for many years. She attended Green Acres Baptist Church South.

After the store sold, she decided to go back to work. Kay enjoyed several years with Brookshire's. She especially enjoyed her years at the Wildlife Museum and the friends she made there.

Kay was preceded in death by her father and mother. Additionally, she was preceded by her sister, Sue LaField; stepfather, Charles Tinney; and daughter-in-law, Tamy Smith.

The family would like to express our sincere appreciation for the love and kindness shown to us during the last three weeks. Granny Smith, as she was affectionately known to many, will be in our hearts forever. We love you Mom! Granny was blessed with a special great-grandson, Kamden McHenry, who was the light of her life. Kay loved her children and family fiercely. We will honor her request for a time of visitation to celebrate her life from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, TX 75703.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Cemetery
Tatum, TX

Tribute Wall

CO

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. I too know all to well about losing a mother. She was my best friend. Even though it has been 15 years ago the memories I have of her continue to make me smile, may that be your case as well. May the Lord keep you in front of his view.

coney - June 30, 2015 at 09:47 AM

EB

“ Ernest Bennett purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Martha Kay Smith.



Ernest Bennett - June 24, 2015 at 10:31 AM

LH

“ To the Family,
You are in my thoughts and prayers, I pray that God will comfort you, give you grace, peace and sweet memories during this difficult time.
Love you,
Lorri and Harold Hawkins



Lorri Hawkins - June 24, 2015 at 07:36 AM

ML

“ *Monique Lawson lit a candle in memory of Martha Kay Smith*



Monique Lawson - June 24, 2015 at 05:28 AM

ML

“ *To God be the Glory:
To the family may you know how deeply special Ms. Martha was. She was one of the best parts of coming to work at the Brookshire's Museum for me. Her real life wisdom and no nonsense approach to life taught me not to sweat the small stuff. And there was never a conversation without her talking about her great grandson whom seemed to give her a breath of fresh air every day of her life. I will truly miss her in soul but her spirit will live forever in my mind. Gods gate is now open for Ms. Smith to fly her angel wings with that beautiful smile and warm heart. AMEN.
Pastor Steven Lawson (co-worker with Monty) and Mrs. Monique Lawson (co-worker Ms. Smith , Museum) Brookshire's Grocery Company.*

Monique Lawson - June 24, 2015 at 05:24 AM

JS

“ Kay, you have been a part of our lives it seems like forever. From the mid-1950's when we were schoolmates during the week and playmates at Port Houston Baptist on Sundays. And then in a span of two weeks in December of 1961 when we became brother-in-laws/sister-in-laws and family. And that is the way it has been forever. We never forgot you and never stopped loving you. Go be with our Lord in Heaven and rest in peace. You will be missed here but always remembered. And to Monty and Kelly and their families our sympathy goes out to you all. We are here for you all and we love you all.
Lloyd and Jean



Jean Smith - June 23, 2015 at 02:19 PM



Thank you Uncle Lloyd and Aunt Jean, she was loved by everyone that she crossed pass with because she was old school and told it like it was. 😊 love you both so much! ❤️

Kelly Hitt - June 23, 2015 at 09:27 PM

CL

“ Martha was a truly special person! So glad I got to meet her and work with her! She kept us laughing! Martha will truly be missed! May God comfort you all.
Carolyn Langston

Carolyn Langston - June 23, 2015 at 01:09 PM

MB

I enjoyed working with Martha in the mail room at Brookshires. She always had something funny to say. She was also a true lady with a lot of wisdom. I won't be able to be at the visition since I'm I'm Temple Tx, but I'll see you again someday. Rest in peace Martha we all love and miss you

Mareta Bostick - June 23, 2015 at 11:28 PM