



Stephanie Kay Smith

June 14, 1951 - February 15, 2026

Stephanie Kay Smith, 74, of Tyler passed away February 15, 2026, in Tyler. She was born June 14, 1951, in Tyler to Margaret Melrose Murphey and Dr. Harold L. Smith.

Stephanie graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler in 1969, and went on to earn a degree in Political Science at Southern Methodist University in 1973. Driven by her love of learning and deep interest in the world around her, she attended the University of California, Berkeley. Stephanie spent several meaningful years living in Northern California before eventually returning to Texas, where she settled and remained close to her roots.

In her younger years, Stephanie was an avid traveler with an adventurous spirit. She backpacked across Europe, immersing herself in different cultures, learning new languages, and collecting stories that she would later share with family and friends. Her tales of travel and discovery were always shared with enthusiasm, insight, and humor. She will be remembered as exceptionally smart, endlessly curious, and wonderfully kind.

Stephanie was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Melrose Murphey, father, Dr. Harold L. Smith, brothers, Mark Smith of Palestine, and Stephen Smith of Mabank. She is survived by family including sisters-in-law Pam Smith of Palestine and Karen Smith of Mabank, nephew Dr. Zachary Smith (Kelsey)

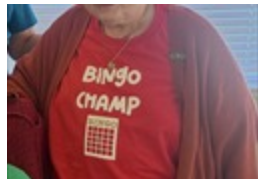
of San Antonio, nieces Victoria Johnson (Thomas) of Conroe and Shannen Smith of Tyler.

In keeping with Stephanie's wishes, no public funeral service was planned. Her ashes will be spread in California, and the family invites friends to remember her beautiful earthly journey that left lasting memories and a legacy of love.

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“ *Stephanie was the roommate of my mother-in-law at Providence Park. My husband and I enjoyed talking with Stephanie when we would visit his mother. Stephanie was so helpful to our family by letting us know if there was anything we need to be aware of related to our beloved matriarch, and she was great about reminding new aides of my mother-in-law's routines where she needed assistance.*

Our family dearly misses Stephanie, as do many of the residents at Providence Park. She will be remembered for her kindness.



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