



Betsy Smith

September 3, 1948 - June 28, 2022

Dana Elizabeth (Betsy) Choate Smith, of Terrell, passed away on Tuesday, June 28, 2022. Betsy was born Sept. 3, 1948, in San Diego, CA to Laban and Mary Prendergast Choate, both of whom preceded her in death along with her brother-in-law, James Dickerson. She was also preceded in death by her aunt and uncle, Dana E. and Rupert L. Henry who raised her and their son, Rupert A. Henry.

Betsy's family moved to Terrell when she was two years old where she was raised by her aunt and uncle and lived approximately six years. She moved to Corpus Christi and lived with her father, who retired from the Navy, for four and a half years. She then moved back to Terrell to live with her aunt and uncle where she continued in her schooling until graduating from Terrell High School in 1967. She met Hank Smith in high school, and they dated all through, getting married after graduation. As a young lady, she accepted Christ while living in Corpus Christi and knew that she was a beloved child of the Lord thereafter. Betsy had a quiet personality, but her genuineness came shining through in every interaction that she had with others. Because of her great kindness and generosity, she made lifelong and very close friends, many of whom she stayed close to during her entire life. Many visits and thoughtful gifts were shared with her friends over the years while making meaningful, cherished memories that are still treasured. Betsy was a devoted sister as well and daily, or at least every other day, conversations with her siblings were very important to her, catching up on current life as well as reminiscing about

past family and friends they each shared. To say Betsy was an animal lover was to understate her appreciation for all animals. Over her lifetime, she had many pets including dogs and birds. She never met a stray, and she was a strong advocate for every animal that needed help. She also enjoyed quiet evenings watching TV with Hank and hearing about his day and the goings-on with the land on their farm and livestock that he took care of. A grounded lady with a wonderful sense of peace always around her, Betsy will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband of over 55 years, Hank Smith, of Terrell; sister, Amanda Starr and husband, Gary, of Pearly, TX; brother, Butch Choate of Dallas; sister, Pat Choate Dickerson of Terrell and Rachel Harper, her cousin, as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00am, Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at Oakland Memorial Park. Her family will receive friends 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Tuesday, July 5, at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

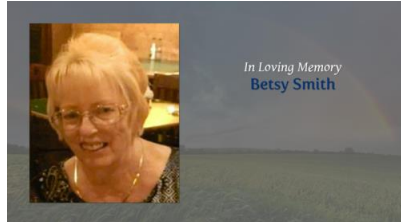
JUL 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Betsy Smith*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - July 06, 2022 at 12:33 PM

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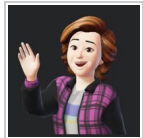
Betsy was a very dear friend of my mothers & anyone that met her could see the goodness in her . Hank I'm so sorry for your loss as well as the rest of her family & friends . I'm sure that Virginia has found you . Thank you for being her friend . RIP sweet lady

Sherry Mitchell - July 07, 2022 at 02:45 PM



“ *Betsy Smith*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Angela Hayes lit a candle in memory of Betsy Smith*



Angela Hayes - July 10, 2022 at 07:58 AM

DW

“ I am very sad over the lost of this sweet lady! She was so entertain and laughed all the time with me and my family She was a longtime friend for years on Gordon Drive! Her brother Butcher and Betsy were two of my favorites! Sweet and precious lady you are in my heart and much prayers for your dear family! Much love to you and may you be at peace!



Darla Whitley - July 06, 2022 at 04:31 PM

WS

“ Hank, I am so sorry to hear about Betsy. Just want you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. If you should need anything please call me.

Gopher

William Sanders - July 03, 2022 at 01:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betsy Smith.



July 02, 2022 at 02:43 PM

RT

“ Our sincere condolences to Hank, Butch, and the rest of Betsy's family. With sympathy, Rick and Sandy

Rick and Sandy Traylor - July 02, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betsy Smith.



July 02, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Betsy Smith.



July 01, 2022 at 06:03 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to Hank, Mandy, Pat and Butch and all of Betsy's family and friends. I loved Betsy, and my late husband A.B. and I enjoyed being neighbors with her and Hank for about five years in early to mid 80's. We shared a lot of good times back then. My prayers are with all of you during this sad and difficult time.
Love, Linda Bankston

Linda Bankston - July 01, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ Betsy, I'm in shock. You were a dear sweet friend for over 40 years. You will so be missed!



Wanda Jackson - July 01, 2022 at 12:41 PM

SR

“ *Hank you are in our thoughts and prayers*

Sandra and Loren Riggin - July 01, 2022 at 11:36 AM

SR

“ *Sandra & Loren Riggin lit a candle in memory of Betsy Smith*



Sandra & Loren Riggin - July 01, 2022 at 11:36 AM

BD

“ *Oh I'm so saddened to hear this. Betsy and I had a really nice visit at Brookshires in middle of June I never knew anything was wrong...we talked of Hank & life in general...my goodnesses. BABY DOLL you will be missed....* ❤️😭

Beverly Dudley - June 30, 2022 at 09:34 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Boyd lit a candle in memory of Betsy Smith*



Sharon Boyd - June 30, 2022 at 08:28 PM

SB

“ *My prayers and thoughts go out to the family. I have known. Betsy for years we used to live on the same street and played together for many years . Great memories of baby doll. She will be missed .*

Sharon Boyd - June 30, 2022 at 08:26 PM

RI

“ Our thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathy are with Betsy's family and friends. She will be missed by all who knew her. Betsy was my cousin by marriage. I met her after she married my cousin, Hank. My family loved her from the very beginning. We will miss her sweet, thoughtful, kind, and gentle spirit. She has been a blessing to our family. May God bring peace to her loved ones. Love Rita and family



Rita - June 30, 2022 at 06:13 PM

RE

“ Rita E. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Betsy Smith.



Rita E. - June 30, 2022 at 03:18 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betsy Smith.



June 30, 2022 at 01:23 PM