



Jean Smith

October 15, 1932 - December 20, 2020

Marjorie Jean Smith passed away after a long battle with Alzheimer's on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at Covenant Place of Burleson, in Burleson Texas.

Jean was born on October 15, 1932 in Palmyra, MO to Herman and Myra (Bittleson) Donelson. She married Walter Roger Smith on March 9, 1952 in Annada, MO.

Jean attended and graduated from Palmyra High school. After graduation, she worked for Clarence Cannon in his Washington, DC office. There she met her husband, Walter - 'Tex' (on leave from the Marine Corps) – on the steps of the US Capital and a lifelong love began.

After Tex's military service was complete, the couple returned to Missouri and lived there until they both retired. Jean held several different jobs – working at Pike County Hospital and a dental office. For many years, she owned Esterbrook's Florist – where she created beautiful floral arrangements. Jean was an active member of the Eastern Star for many years and served on the original Louisiana Colorfest Board. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Louisiana. Jean and Tex also enjoyed square-dancing together and were often found on a dance floor with their friends. Jean was an avid seamstress and enjoyed making garments for her grandchildren. A memorable project she completed were Easter dresses for Peggy's three young girls in the late 1980s with matching rabbits wearing matching dresses with help from her sister Helen. Jean was an accomplished cook and loved to share her pies, jams,

jellies and apple butter with friends. She also loved and collected Roseville Pottery. Tex built shelves that lined the walls of every room in their home on Frances Dr. to display all of her favorite pieces. After her retirement, she and Tex traveled all over the United States – making friends everywhere they went.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Judy, and her son Stanley.

Survivors include her husband Walter; son, Jeff Smith and his wife Lori of Crowley, TX; daughter, Peggy Reed and her husband Patrick of Troy, VA; Six Grandchildren: Karen Snyder, Morgan Hultman, Heather Bingler, Galen Reed, Bryan Smith, and Samantha Smith; Six Great-Grandchildren: Joseph Hultman, Barrett Snyder, Makayla Bingler, Maximus Snyder, Kinsey Bingler, and Weylon Llewelyn; Sisters: Patricia Quattrocchi of Louisiana, MO, and Helen Martin of Elsberry, MO.

A graveside service will be held at the Elsberry Cemetery on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. for family. Due to Covid-19 precautions, those attending are asked to please wear their masks and adhere to social distancing requirements.

The family asks in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Elsberry Cemetery

Elsberry, MO

Previous Events

Graveside Services

DEC 28. 11:00 AM.

Elsberry Cemetery
Elsberry, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Smith*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Jean Smith*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Oh I'm so sorry for being so late, but my heart hurts for you and your family. Jean was always so nice to me and she and my aunt were friends from Elsberry. I have the fondest memories of Jean and Tex alike and know that she is missed among her family and friends. One of my fondest memories is I entered a quilt in the Colorfest contest and won 3rd place, she made me a corsage to wear because she was proud of me.*

NANCY REID - February 12, 2021 at 11:49 AM

RF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jean's passing and of the suffering that went before with her battle with Alzheimers--which, of course, was your suffering, too. I remember Jean and your family from our shared time in Annada. Our families were friends, I delivered the paper to your home, played with Jeff and Peggy--all my memories of Jean and your family were happy ones. I missed you when you moved. My condolences and deep felt sympathy to you. She walks with the Angels now with no more pain and with her memories intact once again.



Rhonda Whitmore Flynn

Rhonda Flynn - December 27, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Jean Smith.*



December 26, 2020 at 03:49 PM

VC

“ *Tex so sorry for your and the family's loss. Stew and I both loved her so much. Remember all the Jams we went to in Texas and how much fun we had great memories! Also enjoyed attending dances and just hanging out together having fun. I'm sure her and Stew will have a great reunion in Heaven! Take care ! Love Vel Crane*

Vel Crane - December 25, 2020 at 03:41 PM

MH

“ So sorry to read of Jeans passing. My sympathy goes out to Tex and the family at this time. I thoroughly enjoyed the many happy times and memories we had with Tex and Jean at Texan Mobile Park. Our Wednesday and Saturday morning coffees were always enjoyed. We shared much happiness over the years.

Mary Hoagland - December 25, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Jean's passing. We think of you often & remember the good times we had together at the Texan. Tony Good & Mary

Mary Vipond - December 25, 2020 at 10:32 AM

PC

“ So sorry to hear of Jean's passing. She was a great lady and she n Walter was good friends of mine..Peace and prayers to the family

Pat Cook - December 23, 2020 at 07:07 PM

CO

“ Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Jean Smith



Cindy Poyser Osborne - December 23, 2020 at 03:45 PM

JC

“ My earliest remembrance of cousin Jean was somewhere around 1944. She would have been 12 years old. In our younger years we would all assemble at Christmas at Grandma Donelson's house and then on to Uncle Paul's house, all in Palmyra. As we grew older we moved on in our lives, some to Southern Missouri, Colorado, Illinois, but always a loving caring relationship followed us wherever we settled. My mother Nell Donelson Cluck called Jean her favorite, mom was not blessed with a daughter, all sons.

My condolences to the entire Donelson Clan and Smith clan. May Jean rest in peace, she accomplished much in her life. Great husband, great children continue her legacy. She was so proud of you all. Cousin Jim

JAMES CLUCK - December 23, 2020 at 12:07 PM

JC

Our sympathies to Tex and family. Leroy and I enjoyed their friendship at the Texan Mobile Park in McAllen, TX.

Jeannine & Leroy Conradt - December 24, 2020 at 11:38 PM

BC

So enjoyed them at the Texas mobile park. Pics and Jane love to dance. And great cooks. Condolences to the family

Betty Cox - December 25, 2020 at 09:49 AM

LW

Jean was a good lady, kind and always smiling. Lona

Lona Wallace - December 31, 2020 at 09:22 AM

KF

“ Jean was a great lady. She knew my grandmother and aunt well from Eastern Star. So sorry for your loss.



Kim Sellers Ferguson - December 23, 2020 at 06:55 AM

EG

“ So sorry for your loss. I knew Jean from a long time back, nice lady. Hugs and Prayers for the family.

Ernestine Grimmert - December 23, 2020 at 12:26 AM

BL

“ Bryce And Doris Love lit a candle in memory of Jean Smith



Bryce and Doris Love - December 22, 2020 at 06:41 PM

LH

“ Linda Harmon lit a candle in memory of Jean Smith



Linda Harmon - December 22, 2020 at 06:41 PM