



Dalene Therese Smither

November 9, 1942 - September 20, 2022

Dalene Therese Smither, 79, of Huntsville, Texas, passed away peacefully at home with family on September 20, 2022.

Dalene was born in Fostoria, Ohio, to Ralph Herman Zender and Mae Catherine Thiry on November 9, 1942. At a young age of 16 she married Melvin Dierksheide and they had four children. After the famous "blizzard of '78" they moved south to Alabama. In 1982 Dalene moved to Huntsville, Texas, with daughter Theresa and son David. In 1989 she obtained her real estate license, and she and Theresa opened Heart of Texas Real Estate & Management Company, where she worked for over thirty years until her retirement in 2019. In 1993 she married Charles W. Smither, Jr. until his death in 2019. They enjoyed many years & special times together with family & friends.

Her greatest legacy, as well as her deepest joy, were her 4 children, 21 grandchildren & 10 great grandchildren. She was always up for a game of Rummy, and spent countless hours playing it with grandchildren, who always felt welcome coming over and helping themselves to potato chips, Reese's peanut butter cups, and Lipton lemon sweet tea! She was the queen of Scrabble, and did not often lose, but she was always ready to set up a grandchild if that meant blocking their parents! She also enjoyed a game of bowling or pool. She was known for her peanut butter fudge and her green

bean casserole.

She showed her children and grandchildren the value of hard work and steadiness. She owned many rentals, and renovated and cleaned them herself, often enlisting the help of a grandchild or two. She was very predictable in her habits - work at 9AM precisely, lunch at noon at Cafe Texan, and leave the office at 5PM. Sunday morning at 8AM she called daughter Fawn - every week for 35 years - and then she was at either Theresa's or David's house. She was at many birthday parties, and enjoyed grandchildren's sports games, concerts and awards ceremonies.

Dalene was preceded in death by her parents, as well as her late husband Charles W. Smither, Jr., first husband Melvin Dierksheide, and grandson Jessie Smith (4/8/22). She is survived and will be lovingly remembered by her children Robin (and Norma) Dierksheide, Fawn Smith, Theresa (and Jim) Frazier, and David (and Kelly Vera) Dierksheide; niece Dalene Zender; siblings Albert Zender, DeAnna Rumschlag, Dolores Franklin, and Roland Zender; twenty grandchildren - Jasmine, Jamie, Hannah, Tucker, James, Heidi, Toby, Michael, William, John, Elijah, Daniel, Madeleine, Mary Anne, Seth, Andrew, Julie, Noah, Eileen, and Kylie; and ten great-grandchildren!

Visitation will be 5-7 PM Friday evening with the Rosary at 6:40 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - 1700 Normal Park; Huntsville, TX 77340.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM Saturday September 24, at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church located at 24001 Aldine Westfield Road; Spring, Texas, with Rev. Fr. Stephen Reid officiating. Burial will follow at 1:00 PM at Oakwood Cemetery at 9th St. & Ave. I in Huntsville, Texas. The family appreciates all of the prayers and support during this time.

Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Rosary

SEP 23. 6:40 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Mass

SEP 24. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church
24001 Aldine Westfield Road
Spring, TX 77373

Graveside Service

SEP 24. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM.

Oakwood Cemetery Huntsville

Tribute Wall



“ *Dalene Therese Smither*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dalene Therese Smither.*



September 23, 2022 at 09:23 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Dalene Therese Smither.*



September 22, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *My prayers and thoughts to the family and friends of Dalene Smither for comfort and strength. I remember recalling the community support by the family business which is not forgotten.*



M. Hyvl - September 22, 2022 at 03:56 PM

TJ

“ *The ZENsters: Jack-Tina-Judy-Tom-Misty purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dalene Therese Smither.*



The ZENsters: Jack-Tina-Judy-Tom-Misty - September 22, 2022 at 03:52 PM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Dalene Therese Smither*



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - September 22, 2022 at 01:31 PM

AZ

“ *I'm so sad that I have lost my baby sister Dalene. We had so many memories together when growing up as children. Dalene was a good and caring person her whole life. She loved her families dearly. I truly loved her. She will be missed by all. Rest in peace Baby Sister! Your brother Albert*

ALBERT J ZENDER - September 22, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dalene Therese Smither.*



September 21, 2022 at 09:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dalene Therese Smither.



September 21, 2022 at 04:19 PM