



## Peggy Smith

January 27, 1953 - December 14, 2012

Peggy Seale Smith Peggy Seale Smith was born on January 27, 1953 in Hallettsville, Texas to Billy Sidney Seale and Charlene Rightmer Seale. After a courageous battle against colon cancer, the Lord called her home on December 11, 2012 at her residence in Huntsville, Texas. She spent most of her early school years in Edna, Texas and graduated from La Grange High School in 1970. She enjoyed in her youth playing the piano, involvement in the 4-H program, showing animals, riding horses, spending time in Muldoon with her grandparents and learning the responsibilities of ranching from her father. Peggy attended Blinn College, The University of Texas at Austin and Sam Houston State University. After college, Peggy's career focused on state government and public policy. Her professional life took off in the early 1970's when she began working for the State Comptroller of Public Accounts and as the Chief of Staff for State Representative Bill Blythe. In 1984, Peggy was appointed to the State Pension Review Board by Governor Mark White. After serving this term, she was then appointed by Governor's Bill Clements and Ann Richards to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. Peggy's love for being involved in government led her to begin her own personal career with McAdams Consulting where she was involved with the development of newly-built private prisons throughout Texas. In 2001, she returned to TDCJ as the Manager for the Office of Space Management until her retirement in 2005. Peggy was a member of numerous organizations and boards over the years. She was a member of the Huntsville ISD School Board, Houston-Galveston

Area Council of Governments, Huntsville Education Foundation, Huntsville Board of Realtors, Huntsville-Walker County Conference and Tourist Bureau, The Huntsville Leadership Institute-Walker County, Junior Service League of Huntsville and the Board of Trustees for Theatre Under the Stars-Houston. She was very interested in politics and in turn ran and organized many political campaigns. She had a strong business sense and a very creative side. One of her passions in life was cooking and she spent many wonderful years running a personal catering business. She became very interested in the selling and buying of real estate. This led her into a real estate career that lasted many years. In recent years, she acquired greater education and expertise in interior decorating and real estate staging which led her to create Savvy Homestyles. Her decorating forte was sought after for both private residences and office space around Huntsville and the greater Houston area. Peggy was a serious dog lover, tremendous cook, avid reader, shopping fanatic, lover of all things outdoors including hunting, devoted Christian, loving wife, mother and friend. She is preceded in death by her father, Billy Sidney Seale of La Grange, Texas. She is survived by her mother, Charlene Rightmer Seale of La Grange, Texas; loving husband of 16 years, David; daughter, McKinsey McAdams Copeland and husband Baron of Lubbock, Texas; stepson Hunter Smith of Huntsville; and sister, Patti Kay Holly and husband Dale of Muldoon, Texas. She is also survived by two nephews, many great nephews and nieces and many dear friends. Pallbearers are Kelley Adamson, Joe Boaz, Kenny Coleman, Matthew Crainer, Jimmy Harding, Allen Hightower, Will McAdams, Mike Murray and Clay Rightmer. A visitation will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville on Thursday, December 13, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held at Northside Baptist Church in Huntsville on Friday, December 14, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Colon Cancer Coalition, 5666 Lincoln Drive #270, Edina, MN 55436 or by visiting [www.getyourrearingear.com](http://www.getyourrearingear.com). Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).



# Tribute Wall



“ *Peggy Smith*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I have such fond memories of our time at Blinn. Peggy was my roommate and my living far from home, her parents adopted me on weekends in LaGrange. She was such a woman of great faith and was always thinking of others. Blessings to you McKinsey, David, Patty, Mrs. Seale and the rest of the family. May wonderful memories bring you comfort.*

**Sharon Cummings** - December 26, 2012 at 08:22 PM



“ *I am deeply saddened to learn about your loss. Peggy brought so many gifts to everyone she touched. I will never forget her as a friend and all she accomplished for the State of Texas as my Chief of Staff in the House of Representatives.*

**Bill Blythe** - December 17, 2012 at 10:52 PM



“ *Davie, McKinsey, Hunter and family--all our Smith family prayers are with you now. We will miss Peggy and keep her memory in our hearts. Please know the thoughts, prayers and love of your far-flung "kit and kin" are with you at this tough time.*

*Phyllis, Cayton, Carlyn, Jeff, Jarod, Mike, Katie and Laura*

**Cayton Janner** - December 14, 2012 at 10:48 PM

CH

“ David and family, we are so sorry to hear of Peggy's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Chad & Sarah Holton** - December 14, 2012 at 07:49 PM

DC

“ McKinsey, we are so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. I remember her so well, along with you. You probably don't remember me, but I had you at Little Red Schoolhouse when you were quite young. You were one of my favorites and I was truly blessed to have known you and your Mom! May you find peace and comfort through the love of God. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Ms. Brenda

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**Dr. and Mrs. James E Casey** - December 14, 2012 at 12:17 PM

SS

“ David and Family, May the Lord Bless you, Keep you, and give you Peace during these troubled times. You are in our hearts, prayers and thoughts. With our love and prayers, Shelly and Craig Stover (Madisonville).

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**shelly stover** - December 14, 2012 at 11:21 AM

MM

“ McKinsey , Our sympathies go out to you at this time of tremendous loss.  
We will keep you in our prayers.

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**Ms. Carol Meade** - December 14, 2012 at 10:39 AM

MK

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

*McKinsey, Family & Friends - Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

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**Matthew & Syvette Keathley** - December 14, 2012 at 10:36 AM

NT

“ We are so sorry and sad for your loss. We did not know Peggy, but are very close to her sister, who was such a Guardian Angel for Peggy throughout this horrible illness. Peggy will truly be missed by all her loved ones and our prayer is for peace and for hearts to heal quickly as Peggy is with Our Lord and Savior. Nicki & Ronnie Tyler, Austin Texas.

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**Nicki-Ronnie Tyler** - December 14, 2012 at 09:55 AM

KD

“ David, McKinsey and family:  
Please accept our condolences. We will miss Peggy. She was a great person, who we always looked forward to seeing.

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**Ken & June Davis** - December 14, 2012 at 08:15 AM

MA

“ Dear David and Hunter, on behalf of Christopher, Anneke and myself, I want to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. We wish you much strength through this very difficult time. Peggy was a wonderful lady and will always remain that way in our thoughts.

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**Marjolein Lemmon, Christopher and Anneke** - December 13, 2012 at 08:04 PM

GG

“ Dear David and Family, We have such fond memories of Peggy and all of you at First Christian. God's blessings during this difficult time.

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**Greg and Dani Gathright** - December 13, 2012 at 05:59 PM

PM

“ How sad to hear of Peggy's passing...a wonderful friend during her years in Edna, Texas....I cherish many, many wonderful 4-H memories....she loved animals....loved her horses....and always had a smile, a laugh, and a hug for her friends....and she had MANY friends....my prayers are with her family during this sad time....may our LORD help you find His PEACE which passes all understanding. I wish I could be at services, but will be teaching school....praying for each of you.....

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**Paulette McElveen** - December 13, 2012 at 03:53 PM

KF

“ David,  
I am SO sorry! I know that Peggy is watching over you and the kids now from Heaven. She will continue to bring light and joy even in her earthly absence. My heart and prayers are with all of you. Let God give you the peace that only He can. On my heart and mind, and in my prayers. Kay

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**Kay Fountain** - December 13, 2012 at 03:41 PM

TS

“ (I read in the American-Statesman) I am sorry for your loss of Peggy at such a young age. I worked with Peggy and her group of ladies when she was handling leasing for TDCJ. I was the regional lease officer for TBPC and found it always a pleasure to work with such a knowledgeable and professional individual.

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**Terry Southall** - December 13, 2012 at 12:33 PM

BL

“Peggy and Patti are our closest childhood family friends, our parents having met in college long before we were born. Many weekends at each other's houses and at the beach, sleeping on pallets in the living room, going to the ranch, an epic camping trip to Arkansas, running down - crashing and burning - a mountain in Arkansas - and surviving. The greatest of times of love and memories of Peggy. I also was in law school and worked in the Texas Capitol while Peggy worked there and there were many shared memories from that time too.

*I am so sorry for your loss of her, but her charm, smile, wit and ray of sunshine in all our lives will never dim.*

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**Bruce D. Liesman** - December 13, 2012 at 11:53 AM

TH

“My heart was sadden to hear of Peggy's passing. I know she fought the best she could. I will always remember her full of life with a beautiful smile. You are all be in my prayers. Love and God bless.  
Tracy

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**Tracy Coleman Hilton** - December 13, 2012 at 11:53 AM

KB

“David, McKinsey and Hunter, we are so sorry that Peggy was lost at such a young age. We wish there were words to describe our sadness for your loss and only hope that you remember the wonderful person Peggy is and that your heart can be healed.

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**Kyle and Lonna Britt** - December 13, 2012 at 10:16 AM

KS

“ All of us at Ward Furniture are so incredibly sad for your loss. We all love Peggy so much, just as everyone who knew her. Her visits brought joy and fun to our day. She was an awesome witness to the joy of living and she truly lived life to the fullest. What a great thing to be able to say about a person! We will miss her so much and our thoughts and prayers will be with you all as you face the difficult times ahead. May God bless you with peace and comfort as you rejoice in the fact that Peggy is smiling down on you, cheering you all on. She truly has her victory in Jesus. Love you all!

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**Kim Sanders** - December 13, 2012 at 09:36 AM

CW

“ David, McKinsey, Patti, and Hunter, words are inadequate to express what the heart feels. Something inside still says, "No!" We miss our dear friend. We think of her every day when we see the crepe myrtle tree that she told us to plant. She smartly arranged books under our new lamp to make it look better. Most of all, this little woman showed us raw courage and bold faith in the face of the worst that this life could do to her. No soldier on the battlefield ever did better. She will not be forgotten.

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**Cliff and Linda West** - December 12, 2012 at 09:24 PM

JL

“ We love you so much McKinsey you were a great daughter to your mom! We are here when you need anything!

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**Jennifer Langley** - December 12, 2012 at 09:06 PM

DP

“ May God continue to wrap His loving arms around you at this very sad time. We pray for rest and comfort. Donna Robinson Paschall, Dick and Maudie Robinson

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**Donna Robinson Paschall** - December 12, 2012 at 08:39 PM

SS

“ David, Mckinsey and Hunter - I am truly sorry for your loss. Peggy was a great person full of joy and happiness. She is in a better place now and forever. She loved you all very much!

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**Steed Smith** - December 12, 2012 at 08:11 PM

TM

“ David, McKinsey, Hunter, Patti and family- Its so hard to find the right words at a time like this...but please know that each and everyone of you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time as well as the days ahead. Peggy was such a vivacious, beautiful, incredibly intelligent woman who loved to live life to its fullest~and truly loved her family and her pets. Those of us who had the pleasure of working with Peggy witnessed her love and committment for our great state and the agency. Our lives are richer for having known her. God Bless.

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**TDCJ Office of Space Management** - December 12, 2012 at 08:07 PM

MP

“ Dear David and McKinsey, my prayers and deepest sympathy are with you. I have always admired Peggy for her many talents and the ability to perform each task as the true professional she was. As it has been stated she was an inspiration to all who knew her. This beautiful and graceful lady will be dearly missed. My you find peace & comfort knowing she is safe and secure with our Heavenly Father.

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**Margaret Paulsel** - December 12, 2012 at 05:34 PM

CW

“ I am so sorry for the loss of a wonderful sister, wife, mother and daughter. My prayers are with each of you at this time.  
(I am a friend of Patti and Dale's)

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**Ceri Williams** - December 12, 2012 at 02:14 PM

DM

“ Dearest David, McKinsey, Hunter and extended family - We love you all so much. Joyfully we will celebrate precious Peggy....and will miss her until we see her again in Heaven. You are in our hearts and prayers.

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**Donna & Andy McCann** - December 12, 2012 at 01:24 PM

AF

“ David,  
We are so sorry to hear about Peggy's passing. We rejoice that Peggy is with our Lord and Savior. We pray that you have comfort, peace and that your heart heals quickly. Don't hesitate to call us for anything.....

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**Alan, Becky and Dylan Fulenwider** - December 12, 2012 at 12:07 PM

JS

“ May you find some comfort in your great loss of Peggy with the thought that others care. Sons Greg and Dolan join me in calling on the strength to be found in this old hymn with its promise of eternal life for individual life:

*"O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer fuller be."*

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**John Warren Smith** - December 12, 2012 at 10:54 AM

MP

“ David and McKenzie: I am so very sorry about Peggy. She was a lovely lady and her fight against cancer was an inspiration to all of us. I know she is in a better place. Please call on us if there is anything we can do. You have our prayers, love and sympathy for your loss. Michael and Carol Park

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**Michael Park** - December 12, 2012 at 09:52 AM

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“ David, McKinsey, Hunter, and family - I am so very sad for your loss. Peggy was an incredible woman; full of life and humor. I can't begin to imagine your heartache. Please know that you have my continued thoughts and prayers. God bless.

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**Angela Scott Stacks** - December 12, 2012 at 09:23 AM