



Sue B. Smith

October 28, 1939 - January 27, 2025

Lottie Sue (Bush) Smith, a lifetime resident of New Waverly, passed away peacefully at her home on January 27, 2025. She was born October 28, 1939, in Huntsville, Texas, to Alice Mabry and James Elma Bush. On August 19, 1960, Sue married her high school sweetheart W L “Dub” Smith at First Baptist Church in New Waverly. They were the parents of three children. Sue graduated from high school and college with highest honors. Throughout high school she won State UIL contests in mathematics and spelling. Sue received bachelor's and master's Degrees from Sam Houston State College and had advanced studies. Early on she was offered a teaching position there, however, Sue went to work for Humble Oil and Refining in Houston. Following her return to New Waverly, she joined the high school faculty where she taught three generations of students in shorthand, bookkeeping, accounting, English, computer classes, and yearbook in addition to sponsoring the Beta Club which she helped organize. She was well known and highly respected in Beta Club at the national and state levels, where she was elected State Sponsor. Sue took her students to those conventions and always planned trips to include places and events to enhance their experiences. She was an accomplished pianist whose skills would have met concert standards. Sue never spoke of her numerous accomplishments and honors.

She was humble, honest, kind, and fair, qualities recognized by her students. They loved her unconditionally.

In addition to school activities Sue served many years on the Board of the New Waverly Public Library beginning with its inception. Every barbecue or spaghetti supper or garage sale was partly organized by her, and she worked from beginning through the end.

Her dedication was to her family. While Dub had their kids on horses in rodeos and bringing home belt buckles and saddles and other such items, Sue saw to it that the cooler was always filled with food and drinks for them as well enough for sharing and she kept excellent scores. It was an enviable family togetherness of love and pleasure. Besides the years of rodeos and school athletic events, Sue liked to “piddle in the yard,” read, play the piano, and genealogical research.

From her earliest years, Sue accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and served Him all her life. She was church pianist, taught Sunday School, Bible School, and served those in need through the church and community. She is now in the arms of her Savior.

Sue is survived by her husband of 64 years W L “Dub” Smith, son Bruce (Linda), daughter Suzi Woods (Wilburn), and son Dean (Melissa); grandsons Ty Smith (Kelly), Trey Smith, and Mason Smith; granddaughters Morgan Bean (Blake) and Paige Atkinson (Brady); seven great-grandchildren, and her sister-in-law June Bush. Other survivors are nieces, nephews, and cousins as well as countless friends who loved her as their own. Sue was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Don Bush, and grandson Lane Smith. Serving as pall bearers are Ty Smith, Trey Smith, Mason Smith, Blake Bean, Brady Atkinson, and Gene Bartee.

Visitation will be held on Thursday evening, January 30, from 5:00-7:00 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville. Funeral services will be Friday morning at 10:00 at the funeral home with Rev. Reagan Cooksey officiating. Burial will be in the Hardy Cemetery, New Waverly. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Hardy Cemetery

202 SH 150 East
New Waverly, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340

Funeral Service

JAN 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340

Graveside Service

JAN 31. 11:30 AM (CT)

Hardy Cemetery
202 SH 150 East
New Waverly, TX

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Sincere condolences to the family of Mrs Smith. She was loved by all the New Waverly community and never to be forgotten. Sending you love & prayers during these sad times...
Jamie & Don Brinegar



Jamie Brinegar - January 31, 2025 at 04:47 PM

MG

“ My condolences to all



Martha Grisham - January 31, 2025 at 03:22 PM

TS

“ Praying for the entire family of Sue Smith. She was a beautiful, kind, and dedicated teacher. Asking that God comfort the family during this difficult time.

Thelma Spikes - January 31, 2025 at 08:43 AM

DV

“ My sympathies are with you at this difficult time. Our sincere condolences and prayers with hugs. So thankful for your Mamas guidance and patience in teaching me. She was so humble, waved her hand and smiled that sweet smile when I always told her. Because of her dedication I could find work anywhere. Susie, Bruce Dean and Mr Smith praying for your comfort. Love to all of you. It will be hard.

Donna Vick - January 30, 2025 at 08:43 PM

BC

MAY GOD CONTINUE RO COMFORT THE FAMILY. MY CONDOLENCES ARE WITH THE WHOLE ENTIRE FAMILY. I WAZ WELL TAUGHT BY MRS. SMITH. MAY YOU REST IN HEAVEN.

BELINDA CARTER - February 06, 2025 at 02:35 AM

BS

“ The Lord called home sweet angel! Mrs. Smith was “The Perfect Teacher” not many are given that role but God knew she could do it and she did!

Wayne and Becky Shelly

Becky Shelly - January 30, 2025 at 07:40 PM

MA

“ MARK lit a candle in memory of Sue B. Smith



MARK - January 30, 2025 at 05:27 PM

TN

“ Words cannot express the ache I feel in my heart for Mrs. Smith. As many have said, her life spoke for her. Her smile will forever be etched in my memory. It is my sincere prayer that her family is covered by the love of this community and our Lord and Savior Rest easy sweet angel.

TaShanda Nephew - January 30, 2025 at 04:33 PM

TS

“ *Mrs Smith is a wonderful Lady and a beautiful Soul. May she fly high in Heaven as we keep her close in our hearts and give thanks for knowing Her and remembering the many blessings she gave us.*
Terry Phillips Slattery (Herb) and Jimmy Phillips Family

Terry Phillips Slattery - January 30, 2025 at 12:02 PM

JG

I'm so thankful for Mrs Smith and the Smith family in being a part of my life what a wonderful lady teacher mother praying for comfort and peace for the family and looking forward for the eternal life that we'll share together, God bless y'all. Jeff (Cheesy)Gilstrap

Jeff Gilstrap - January 31, 2025 at 09:23 AM

PO

“ *Patricia Ondras lit a candle in memory of Sue B. Smith*



Patricia Ondras - January 29, 2025 at 10:17 PM

TA

“ *Mrs. Smith will forever be in my heart and my memories. She had a very influential impact on encouraging me to attend college which changed my life forever. I have and will continue to have high respect and regard for her and will miss Mrs. Smith.*
Terrie Phillips Almond (former student)

Terrie Almond - January 29, 2025 at 07:46 PM

BU

“ Prayers of comfort for the Smith family. I will forever cherish my memories of Mrs. Smith and NWHs. She will be missed. 🙏❤️
Bunny Bolton Unterreiner

Bunny Bolton Unterreiner - January 29, 2025 at 02:46 PM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy to Smitty and the family. Sue was an exceptional person and I know you all will miss her immensely. I pray for your comfort and peace as you grieve the loss.

Janice Branch - January 29, 2025 at 10:44 AM

SR

“ Mrs Smith will forever be missed. I thank her for being there for me when my daughter Michelle was battling cancer. Mrs Smith also taught me and my daughter I will always remember her for the kindness she showed me. Continued prayers for the family.

Sandra Reed - January 29, 2025 at 12:24 AM

DA

“ Mrs. Smith was a true lady. I have so many wonderful memories of her as a friend and a very special teacher. May God watch over this wonderful family and give them faith and strength to get through this difficult time.
Sending prayers Darlene and Bobby Abramski



Darlene Abramski - January 28, 2025 at 10:39 PM

HC

“ Hawthorne Baptist Church purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Sue B. Smith.



Hawthorne Baptist Church - January 28, 2025 at 10:07 PM

HC

“ Hawthorne Baptist Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sue B. Smith.

Hawthorne Baptist Church - January 28, 2025 at 10:07 PM

KW

“ May God wrap his loving arms around you all and give you peace and comfort. Although it's hard to lose someone, we can rest assured she is happy as can be to be with our Lord and Savior face to face. Until we meet again sweet lady! 💕🕊️🙏

Karen Whitley - January 28, 2025 at 09:17 PM

DR

“ Denise Dickerson-Rice & Lela Cain. My mom was 1st gen and I was 2nd Gen in her typing classes. She carried her self in the classiest way and I loved that about her. We had our very on 1st Lady in New Waverly. Rest easy Mrs. Smith!



Denise Rice - January 28, 2025 at 09:00 PM

CG

“ Mrs. Smith was a very kind and precious lady. I remember when I graduated from high school she came to our home and brought me a graduation gift. May God bless her family.



Cornelia Goffney - January 28, 2025 at 08:19 PM

SB

“ Memories of Sue go back to the years when we were just kids. There are not enough words to express my feelings for this lady. May the Smith family be covered with our Father's grace and comfort during this time of grief. Fly High, Sue. You are free again.

Sara Hardy Bartee - January 28, 2025 at 08:09 PM

TF

“ The Barge Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sue B. Smith.



The Barge Family - January 28, 2025 at 07:50 PM

KN

“ I have so many great memories of Mrs. Smith and our family. I loved going over to her house when I was over at my granny and papa's house when I was a child. The back door was always open. My thoughts and prayers are with the Smith family. □

Kara Underwood Novotny - January 28, 2025 at 06:43 PM

SA

“ My thoughts and prayer are with the family. Mrs. Smith was a wonderful teacher and person. I was in her business classes and on the yearbook staff in the late 70's and early 80's. In later years we worked together on the Beta Club scholarship. She was just the best. She will be missed by all. Rest in Peace sweet lady.

Shelly Gerbasi Allen - January 28, 2025 at 06:15 PM

DU

“ Our thoughts, love and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. May God wrap his loving and comforting arms around you. Danny and Pam Upchurch

Danny and Pam Upchurch - January 28, 2025 at 06:08 PM

EG

My condolences to all

Elwood Grisham - January 29, 2025 at 11:54 PM

BR

“ Bobby and Carol Rodgers purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Sue B. Smith.



Bobby and Carol Rodgers - January 28, 2025 at 05:42 PM

JP

“ Jerry Parrish purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sue B. Smith.



Jerry Parrish - January 28, 2025 at 04:57 PM

JP

“ Jerry Parrish planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sue B. Smith.

Jerry Parrish - January 28, 2025 at 04:57 PM

MF

“ Marvin Hyvl & Family lit a candle in memory of Sue B. Smith



Marvin Hyvl & Family - January 28, 2025 at 04:49 PM

FN

“ Fred Nelson purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Sue B. Smith.



Fred Nelson - January 28, 2025 at 04:18 PM

TH

“ The Hogle's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Sue B. Smith.



The Hogle's - January 28, 2025 at 03:47 PM

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“ *The Hogle’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sue B. Smith.*

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