



Kay Smith

June 14, 1946 - July 22, 2024

Visitation for Kay Smith, 78, of Gilmer, Texas, will be held 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Saturday, July 27, 2024, at McWhorter Funeral Home.

Kay was born June 14, 1946, in Gilmer, Texas to Vernon Ted Fielden and Eulalia Faye Sturdivant Fielden and passed from this life on July 22, 2024, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Kay graduated from Union Hill High School in May of 1964. She married William Henry “Red” Smith, Jr. on November 26, 1964. They had one child, Amy. Kay was a talented seamstress and helped design and create Yamboree pageant dresses and costumes for many years. She helped to set up the Walmart Store when the store first opened in 1976 in Gilmer, Texas. After 22 years with Walmart, she retired in 1997. Following her retirement Kay enjoyed traveling with Red and their traveling buddies, Doug and Mary Stracener. Although she was a graduate of Union Hill, Kay was an avid Gilmer Buckeye fan and rarely missed a game. She also enjoyed sewing, quilting, reading, and spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as her great-nieces and nephew.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter Amy Tarrant (Lonnie); sisters, Sandy Steelman (Alton), and Judy Kimbrough; grandchildren, Jacob Tarrant (Abigail Engel), and Shelby Tarrant Taylor (Justin); great-grandchildren, Kaden Lee Tarrant, and James Henry Taylor; nieces and nephews, Susan Steelman Davis, John Paul (Becky) Steelman, Todd (Candace) Kimbrough, and Ellen (George) Alexandrakis; and numerous other

cousins, and great nieces and nephews.

Kay was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Red, as well as her parents, Ted and Eulalia Fielden.

Please visit Kay's online registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Methodist Church Gilmer, Music Ministries or the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **27**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to Kay's family. Gayle Pickett*

gayle pickett - July 28, 2024 at 08:46 PM



“ *We had lots of plans for our retirement years. Like, just getting out of Dodge and eating Mexican Food and enjoying being together . We laughed and had such a good time talking about our families. And we always had a lot to catch up, on !!! Golly, I am already missing you. This just can't be real, I keep thinking I will wake up. I love your family and I am asking God to grant them comfort and strength to endure. Friends ForEver and Ever, My Dear Friend, Kay. Lorece and June Phillips, Billy, Lori and Kari and family.*

Lorece and June Phillips - July 27, 2024 at 02:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kay Smith.*



July 27, 2024 at 09:23 AM



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McWhorter Funeral Home - July 26, 2024 at 05:57 PM



Kay and I attended Union Hill together from 5th-9th grade. There were 5 girls and 3 boys in our 8th grade "graduation " class, so there were many sleep overs, football games and other activities we enjoyed together. I, of course considered her a dear friend. My love and prayers go to her beloved family.

Marian Willis McMillian - July 27, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kay Smith.



July 25, 2024 at 11:08 PM



“ Your Lakes Work Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay Smith.

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“ *Your Lakes Work Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kay Smith.*



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“ *My deepest sympathy to her family and friends. Although I'm quite a few years older, I know some of her cousins, my thoughts and prayers to all of you.*

Carolyn Efurd Roper - July 24, 2024 at 09:47 PM

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“ *My deepest condolences to Kay's family. The Fielden family were our neighbors and friends. I'm sure Kay will be greatly missed.*

Patricia Russell - July 24, 2024 at 08:49 PM