



Sonia Lynn Holcomb Smith

October 26, 1940 - February 22, 2023

Sonia L Smith of Holly Lake Ranch, TX, born October 26, 1940, died on February 22, 2023. Her youngest son and daughter-in-law were at her side when she passed. She was 82 years old and an extremely proud grandparent. Sonia was born to Jessie Curtis Holcomb and Marjorie K Carter in Titus County. She grew up and went to school in Gilmer, TX, before earning her bachelor of science at Texas Women's University in Denton, TX, in 1964. She also earned her teaching certificate and became a teacher in home economics.

After college, she married Jerry P Hill and moved to Los Angeles, CA, in the late 1960s where they started a family and had two boys. In 1977 they moved to Singapore where both taught at Singapore American School from 1977-1980. In 1980 she returned to Texas to raise her two sons in Dallas where she worked for companies ranging from a seafood company, a French restaurant and a dietician's office. She worked hard to give her sons the best opportunities she could provide.

In 1993 she married Don R Smith and they soon moved to Holly Lake Ranch, TX. Entering early retirement in her 50s, Sonia wanted to live near her younger sister Gay Nell Stokes and she made many new friends in the community. She and Don, now deceased, also loved to travel internationally and had many adventures together.

Sonia was a very intelligent and creative person who was also a fantastic cook. She had an impeccable sense of style and a real eye for color, which

she later memorialized into many museum-worthy quilts. A volunteer at her local library, Sonia was a big fan of the Mystery genre as well as those found on British TV, which she liked to watch with her sister. She had a great sense of humor and a keen eye for detail, and could brighten any room she entered with her presence, personality and voice. Sonia loved her family deeply and is loved and missed by her family and friends.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sons, Garth Hill, and Eric Hill (Miranda); step-daughters, Leslie Riddle, and Donna Smith; brother, Carter Holcomb; sister, Gay Stokes (Steve); and grandchildren, Ellis Jackson, Olivia Hill, Graham Hill, Matthew Melton, and Heather Kabetzke.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jessie and Marjorie Holcomb.

Family and friends are welcome to attend a burial service at Little Mound Cemetery on April 22, 2023, at 10 AM. A private memorial for family will be at Sonia's home at Holly Lake Ranch following the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to Little Mound Cemetery Association, The Sierra Club or your local PBS TV station. Arrangements are under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home.

Please visit Sonia's online registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Cemetery Details

Little Mound Cemetery

11746 FM 49
Big Sandy, TX 75755

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sonja
Someone once said
“You can buy fashion
You can buy decor
But you out can’t buy style
Style is in your DNA
and you can’t buy style.
Sonja you had style in spades
And the true gift of making one
laugh out loud.
Grateful I got to encounter you along the way ...
Sydney Ann Smith-Kee*

Sydney Ann Smuth-Kee - April 20, 2023 at 09:57 AM

GK

“ *Sonia. Such a delightfully , beautiful , funny and a true friend to everyone along your way
Your satire and view of the world around you were priceless. Our encounter with you at a family thanksgiving was ever edged in our thoughts of you . Eric your son , Miranda, Olivia and Graham are going to miss your presence but your memories will be always right at their fingertips and in their minds and in their hearts. You will live on by their presence. Our personal memories will be your gift of laughter and the joy of seeing the light in any situation and making us laugh right out loud. Keep your eyes ahead and your face to the sun and know you will be truly missed but not forgotten and we’re cherished . Go in peace and with heartfelt blessings.
Gordon and Sydney Ann Kee*

Gordon and Sydney Ann Kee - April 20, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Sonia Lynn Holcomb Smith.*



April 03, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ *Ms. Sonia was my patient and we always enjoyed visiting together...she was smart, interesting and humorous. She was well traveled and always up on the latest news, we never had a shortage of things to talk about! We retired and have moved to be close to our grandchildren, but we very much miss our friends like Sonia. Our condolences to her family.*
--Mary McKenzie

Mary McKenzie - March 23, 2023 at 09:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sonia Lynn Holcomb Smith.*



March 14, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sonia Lynn Holcomb Smith.*



March 10, 2023 at 03:17 AM

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“ Carter, My condolences on the loss of your sister, Sonia... I remember you both as when we were little kids, your family visited ours often when we lived up the Red Rock Road behind 5he aGilmer Country Club...I am the middle daughter of Charles and Ruth Pankhurst... My sibilings are all deceased now. I live in Oak Hill now out of Henderson, Tx... Remembering Sonia...

virginia Furqueron - March 02, 2023 at 10:01 AM

CJ

“ My prayers are with the Smith family.. Her mother Marjorie Holcomb was my fifth grade teacher. When I first saw her photo, I knew it had to be someone closely related to Mrs. Holcomb. God be with you.

Charles Johnson

Charles Johnson - March 01, 2023 at 07:00 PM