



## Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith

August 29, 1972 - May 26, 2019

Funeral services for Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith, 46 of Old Center, Texas will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at First Baptist Church of Carthage with Dr. Allen Tilley officiating. Burial will follow in Old Center Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation with the family will be Tuesday, May 28, 2019 from 6 – 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Kristi Michele Ritter Smith was born August 29, 1972 in Carthage, Texas to Dexter Brent and Teresa Kirksey Ritter and passed away Sunday, May 26, 2019 at her home in Old Center. She was raised and schooled in Carthage, graduating with the class of 1990 and then attended Panola Jr. College. Kristi married Sam Alvin Smith on July 1, 1997 and together they celebrated 21 years of marriage. She worked as an administrative assistant for many years working for Judge Terry Bailey, Complete Printing and Reliable Health Care, before opening her own business, Kristi's Critter Care. Kristi was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Carthage. She was devoted to her family and loved spending time going to the movies and attending all their activities. Kristi was preceded in death by her grandparents, Jack and Beatrice Hayes, Johnny and Betty Yates and Alvis and Ruth Ritter.

Kristi is survived by her loving husband, Sam Smith of Old Center; parents, Dexter and Teresa Ritter of Carthage; son, J.W. Murphy and wife Madison of Carthage; daughters, April Brooks and husband Barry of Arlington, Samantha Woodall and husband Justin of Shreveport, Lindsey Burkert and husband Spencer of Carthage and Shelby Smith of Old Center; brother, Stephen Ritter

and wife Heather of Carthage; grandchildren, Kyle Brooks, Brooklyn Brooks, Abigail Brooks, Sawyer Burkert and Paxton Murphy, numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

The family request memorials to the Panola County Cancer Coalition, P.O. Box 70, Carthage, Texas 75633.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **28.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

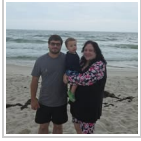
Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street, P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX

## Service

MAY **29.** 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Carthage  
256 S Market St.  
Carthage, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ I will always remember the lovely Thanksgiving's and the time I had with Mrs. Kristi and all of the family. She was a beautiful person inside and out. ❤️ I will pray for you guys every day. ❤️



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**Millicent Cargil** - May 29, 2019 at 02:55 PM

BP

“ Barbara Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith



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**Barbara Palmer** - May 29, 2019 at 01:49 PM

BP

“ So sorry for your loss. We are praying for comfort and peace that only our Lord can give.

*Love Dennis and Barbara Palmer*

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**Barbara Palmer** - May 29, 2019 at 01:48 PM

PD

“ We remember Kristi for her loving personality and her SMILE!!! Cherish her sweet memories and remember she fought a hard battle. We will have you in our thoughts and prayers.

*With much love,  
Jerry Don and Pat (Edens) Dorman  
Isaiah 40:31*



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**Pat Edens Dorman** - May 29, 2019 at 11:24 AM

KG

“ Kathy Gollmitzer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith



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**Kathy Gollmitzer** - May 29, 2019 at 11:18 AM

GW

“ Gail Welch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith



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**Gail Welch** - May 29, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith.



May 28, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ Glad I got to meet this sweet lady the family is in my thoughts and prayers



Judy Davis - May 28, 2019 at 04:27 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - May 28, 2019 at 03:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith.



May 28, 2019 at 02:04 PM

DR

“We didn’t realize we were making memories. We just knew we were having fun.”

*Winnie the Pooh*

*Thank you for the memories, sweet friend.*

*Dana Yule Reeves*

*Carthage High School, Class of 1990*

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**Dana Yule Reeves** - May 28, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Hawthorn Funeral Home** - May 28, 2019 at 01:11 PM

BS

“ We are praying for your family during this difficult time. Kristi was truly an example of God's love. It was evident that she was a follower of Christ, and we admire her for that. May God wrap you with His love during this very difficult time. May you have peace knowing that Kristi is rejoicing with our Creator in Heaven.

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**Brenda Martin and Haley Smith** - May 28, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith.



May 28, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ Kristi was a beautiful lady inside and out, a true ray of sunshine to anyone that knew her. I am so sorry for the loss this family and her friends are going through. My prayers are with each and every one of you. You have gained a Guardian Angel. Fly high and free of pain, sweet Kristi.



Glenda Chambers Grimes - May 28, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith.



May 27, 2019 at 10:28 PM



“ Teresa, my heart goes out to you in this sad time. Praying you'll feel God's presence as you deal with your loss.  
~Mona Tucker



Mona Tucker - May 27, 2019 at 09:46 PM

BK

“ I think Kristi was a friend to everyone that knew her. I will always treasure her friendship. I could text her anytime about anything and she always had an answer. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Brandi Kelley - May 27, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith.



May 27, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith.



May 27, 2019 at 09:02 PM

DO

“ I was honored to be a classmate of Kristi Ritter Smith's. She was always so kind and loving, and she made all of her friends feel loved. I pray our good Lord will embrace her and bring great comfort to her family in these moments.

Dr. Shellie O'Neal - May 27, 2019 at 07:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith.*



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May 27, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ *Ken & Tracy Langford purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith.*



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**Ken & Tracy Langford** - May 27, 2019 at 05:33 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith.*



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May 27, 2019 at 05:28 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kristi Ritter Smith.*



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May 27, 2019 at 04:23 PM

 Connie  
Denton

“ *Connie Denton lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Kristi Ritter Smith*



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**Connie Denton** - May 27, 2019 at 04:15 PM

SE

“ *Kristi will be missed by soooo many, she was a very special lady  
and loved by everyone that knew her. We used to go visit when I  
was a child and we would play and carry Stephen around. I'm not  
sure he really enjoyed it but we had fun. To Teresa , Dexter and all  
of her family , you are in my thoughts and prayers. Fly high sweet  
cousin. You were an inspiration to everyone!*  
*Love always,*  
*Stephanie Avery Evans*

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**stephanie Avery Evans** - May 27, 2019 at 03:17 PM