



Mary Jane Smitherman

March 21, 1919 - June 16, 2010

Memorial Services for Mrs. Mary Jane Smitherman, 91 of Carthage, Texas will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 24, 2010 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel. Mrs. Smitherman died Wednesday, June 16, 2010 in Carthage, Texas.

Mrs. Mary Jane Thomas Smitherman was born March 21, 1919 in Panola County, Texas. She was one of three children born to the marriage of Raymond Grady and Elouise Walker Thomas. Mrs. Smitherman graduated from Carthage schools, later graduating Stephen F. Austin State University with a Bachelors in Social Science, she attended both The University of Houston and Rice University obtaining her Masters Degree. Mary Jane taught social sciences in Vidor, Texas later serving her country, proudly, as a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Women's Army Corps. She served in the Asiatic Theater overseas in Manilla, Luzon, New Guinea and the Phillipines. Mary Jane met and married J. P. Smitherman and they celebrated many years together before his death. Mrs. Smitherman taught the blind for many years in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Smitherman is preceded in death by her husband, J.P Smitherman, and brother, Raymond Walker Thomas.

Mrs. Smitherman is survived by her Step daughters, Sherry and Charlotte Smitherman; sister, Betty Thomas Dennis of Eastern Maryland, and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Jane Smitherman



Hawthorn Funeral Home - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Jane Smitherman was a most important influence on my life. I knew her when I was 6-7 years old. I'll never forget her. During a time when my parents were not available to me she kept her eye on me. She gave me my first job carrying bricks for her and it was work, most of the day I carried those bricks while she cleaned them up. At the end of the day she paid me 10 cents. many other jobs were my reward. Right then and there I learned that work was rewarding and that I should work and expect rewards either monetary or satisfaction or both is best.*

She was my next door neighbor I remember 1314 Thornton Rd Houston, TX in 1950-51. She had me memorize my address. JP had some missing fingers from a saw accident and he always told me to be careful when working. Mary belonged to a country club that I recall was the H&H Club and invited me often as her guest.

She kept in touch with my mother and tried to contact me in Vermont during a fall foliage trip and left me a phone message which I sorely missed but she had remember me, the best gift possible.

I can't express enough praise and respect for Mary Jane Smitherman.

Chuck Rogers - February 13, 2023 at 09:55 AM

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“ *So late for me to write a memory of Mrs. Smitherman. She was my teacher 1959-61. I LOVED her!!! She touched my life in so many positive ways. I hope these words will activate positive memories. Any response is welcome. She was a giant among teachers! Roger Price*

Roger Price - April 16, 2022 at 06:42 PM



“ Praying for each of you during this time of sorrow. May God's grace and love comfort you. Our deepest sympathy. With love, Martha Stanley and family##imported-begin##Martha Stanley and family##imported-end##

June 23, 2010 at 10:45 PM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. The Lexie Gregg Family##imported-begin##Lexie and Mary Lou Gregg##imported-end##

June 23, 2010 at 10:41 PM