



## Mrs. Patricia Smith

October 29, 1939 - July 30, 2020

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Patricia Smith, 80, of Timpson, Texas will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 1, 2020 in the Antioch Cemetery with Dr. Charles Dodson and Dr. Allen Tilley officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. A viewing will be held 5-8:00 p.m. Friday night at Hawthorn Funeral Home. Guests may attend the service or watch via Facebook live.

Mrs. Patricia Ann Wilson Smith was born October 29, 1939 in Lufkin, Texas. She passed this life July 30, 2020 peacefully in Carthage, Texas. Pat was the middle child of three born to the marriage of R.E. and Mary Bell Wade Wilson. She graduated Harding High School in S.E. Texas with the class of 1958 and received her Bachelor's in Education through Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. She married Rual Denman Smith March 6, 1959 and the couple celebrated 59 years of marriage and three children before he preceded her in death in 2018.

Mrs. Smith worked as a professional educator with over 50 years of service. Pat taught English for Corrigan, Lufkin and Timpson ISD's before her 32 years with Carthage ISD, followed by another 12 years of teaching in Jacksonville ISD. After retirement, she returned home to Carthage to substitute teach until the age of 79. She was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church of Carthage, the Carthage Book Forum and many community based causes. Pat was a woman who knew her mind and loved sharing her thoughts with others. She is also preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter, Ashley

Havannah Smith.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her loving children, Rual Eric Smith and wife Christa of Coppel, Ryan Gabryl Smith of Carthage, and Roane Wilson Smith and wife Jill of Carthage; brother, Robert Wilson and wife Patsy of Carthage; sister, Sylvia Hammock and husband Bill of Lumberton; grandchildren, Payton Kree Diaz and husband Alex, Kaylie Jordan Andrews and husband Russell Aaron, Sadie Faith Smith, Arie Isabella Smith, Kurt Adron Smith and wife Christina, Kiley Aaron Smith and wife Jennifer, Rual Kelby Smith, Roane Austin Smith, and Jaden Denman Smith; step grandson, Luke Slejko; great grandchildren, Bristell Rayne Andrews, Krosby Aaron Smith, Kainsley Elizabeth Smith, Cora Eve Smith and Logan Richter Smith.

Serving as pallbearers will be Kurt Smith, Kiley Smith, Kelby Smith, Austin Smith, Jaden Smith, Russell Andrews, Alex Diaz and Luke Slejko.

# Cemetery Details

## Antioch Cemetery

345 CR 405  
Carthage, TX 75633

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Graveside Service

AUG 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Antioch Cemetery  
345 CR 405  
Carthage, TX 75633

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Patricia Smith



Hawthorn Funeral Home - August 08, 2020 at 11:22 AM

PP

“ I had Mrs. Smith for 9th grade English and we would go home and grip about each other I was so immature. Later I had her another year and she was my favorite teacher she helped me grow up. My Senior year I was her teacher's aide and I loved it and I loved her. I would love when I ran into her around town and we would talk and talk she is greatly missed by me.  
Penny Parker Lowrey

Penny Parker - August 28, 2020 at 04:04 PM

JG

“ I had Mrs. Smith for 9th and 12th grade English many years ago, and she had a profound impact on my life. Of course, she imparted English skills, but, much more importantly, she gave me the encouragement and confidence I so desperately needed. I'm 52 now, and just a few weeks ago I was telling my 17 year old son about Mrs. Smith. How's that for leaving a legacy?

Jason Gibert - August 15, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ When I was in the 9th grade, I'd gone through a difficult time in my life after my Dad had passed. Mrs. Smith wrote me a letter of encouragement, care and love. Only God knows what that meant to me. Prayers of comfort for this dear family.

Mark Milam - August 05, 2020 at 01:45 PM

CS

“ Condolences from Carole Smith in North Carolina. Pat was one of The Best! Teaching my children good grammar. She will not be forgotten.



Carole Atkins Smith - August 03, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We are praying for your family. Sending love...

Kim Jones Holcomb - August 03, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ I Have You in My Heart Memorial Throw was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Smith.



August 03, 2020 at 11:47 AM

MC

“ Prayers for all the Smith family. She was a precious lady who touched the lives of many! 🙏🙏

Mike & Marla Cherry - August 02, 2020 at 06:16 PM

JD

“ Dear Smith Family, You keep those memories of your Mom alive. She was a fantastic lady and a person truly admired. We will have you in our thoughts and prayers today and in the days to come. With our love, Jerry Don, Pat (Edens) Dorman, Jeremy, Lance and girls ~ Isaiah 40:31



Jerry Don and Pat E. Dorman - August 01, 2020 at 02:07 PM

CA

“ If you ever walked by our Sunday School classroom and heard roaring laughter inside, you could bet Pat Smith was teaching. We loved her and she will be missed. Prayers for her family.  
Carol Amberson

Carol Amberson - July 31, 2020 at 05:24 PM

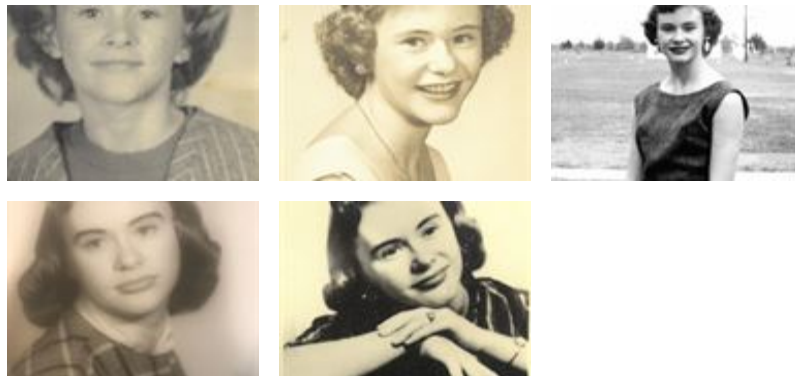
JM

We will forever miss and love Pat. Our prayers for the family during the days ahead.  
Johnnie Heflin Melton

Johnnie Heflin Melton - July 31, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 31, 2020 at 03:15 PM

MT

“ Sending my condolences to Pat Smith's family, and covering you in prayer as you say goodbye.  
*Hands down, Mrs. Pat Smith was the best and toughest instructor I had throughout high school and college. I nearly failed her 9th grade class, but her lessons of discipline and diligence began to sink in by the time I had her again in 11th grade. I even volunteered as her student assistant in 12th grade - she had that much of an effect on me!*  
*She sparked a lifelong love of English language and literature, and her encouragement is the reason I pursued an English degree. I am a better person for having been taught by her and learned alongside her.*  
*"Well done, good and faithful servant." - I am confident she heard these words upon entering her heavenly home.*

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**Michelle (Welch) Tucker** - July 31, 2020 at 02:33 PM

DM

“ *I have so many good memories of Mrs. Smith. It was refreshing to have a teacher who spoke to us as equals but still let us know she was in charge. I, like many, many others, learned a great deal from her, not just about English, but about persistence, humility and courage as well.*  
*I'm wondering now if she is throwing a chalkboard eraser at any angel that is singing out of tune. :-)*  
*R.I.P. Mrs. Smith. You taught us well and will live in our hearts forever.*  
*My condolences to the children and their families.*

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**Darren McDonald** - July 31, 2020 at 02:26 PM

DS

“ One of the best teachers that CHS has ever had. She'll be missed by all who had the privilege of teaching and many others that she never taught. She 100% knew how to best prepare her students for the future. It wasn't just the mastery of the English language and writing skills that she taught. She taught of how to behave, consequences of not behaving and many other skills that are highly useful for the remainder of our lives.

*My condolences to the family.*

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**David Smith** - July 31, 2020 at 01:44 PM

JJ

“ Jody Joyner purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Patricia Smith.



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**Jody Joyner** - July 31, 2020 at 01:18 PM

JW

“ Over the past few hours, I've read many comments on social media about Mrs. Smith. There is a list of adjectives - tough, challenging, fun, witty, best, favorite- that has been consistently written, and I echo those same words here. Mrs. Smith changed a whole bunch of us kids for the better, and this world is a better place because she was in it. She inspired us to do our best and had fun while doing so, even though there were times that my performance in her class was not up to her standards. Looking back, I have appreciated even more in my adult years than I did as a high school freshman. I often think of the writing rule she taught us -KISS! I'm certain she heard the words, "Well done". My condolences to all the family.

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**John Worley** - July 31, 2020 at 11:31 AM

CS

“ Mrs. Smith was one of my very favorite teachers ever! She knew how to push kids to reach their potential, while managing to make it just interesting and fun enough, that we wanted to always come back for more. I became an English major, mostly because she taught me to write well. This skill I've taken into each job; but more importantly, she taught me to push myself when needed, to not be satisfied with mediocrity, and to always be ready to back up ideas with facts and examples. I also enjoyed her wicked sense of humor. I can still hear her laugh as I'm thinking about her. I offer my sincere condolences to her family. Her memory will live on in many hearts, no doubt.

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**Cammy Skalla** - July 31, 2020 at 09:17 AM

CS

We lost a very dear and special friend in Pat Smith. She had a way of always lifting us up. Our prayers are with the family during this sad time! God bless you all. Charles & Joyce Sullivan

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**Charles & Joyce Sullivan** - July 31, 2020 at 09:44 AM

JT

“ So sad to hear of the passing of my favorite high school teacher. Mrs. Pat Smith taught me freshman honors English, and was majorly responsible for my decision to study English in college. She was tough, but always fair. She made it clear from day one that she was not to be messed with, but she had a brilliant, sarcastic wit that I admired so much. She'd probably be surprised to know that I still think of things she said in class, and laugh. Thank you, Mrs. Smith, for teaching me how to write well, and for teaching me so many valuable life lessons.

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**Jill Anderson Toft** - July 30, 2020 at 08:41 PM

JM

“ Jo Ann Miller purchased the Simply Elegant Spat  
hiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Patricia Smith.



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**Jo Ann Miller** - July 30, 2020 at 07:42 PM

JM

“ I am so sad to learn of Pay's death. What a lose to all of us who  
knew her.

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**Jo Ann Miller** - July 30, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for  
the family of Mrs. Patricia Smith.



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July 30, 2020 at 06:48 PM

KS

“ Tough teacher but she wanted us all to succeed and she loved what  
she was doing. We need more like her now. Only after I had gained  
some years that I came to appreciate what she did. I wasn't the best  
or smartest but she cared and would do anything to help. I have  
often thought of her over the years when things would be difficult for  
me. All I had to do was think of Senior English and things weren't so  
bad. Much love Mrs. Smith. Heaven has gained a sweet soul.  
Prayers to the family and condolences.

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**Kevin Stallings** - July 30, 2020 at 06:40 PM



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



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July 30, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ *So many good memories of Pat over the years. Enjoyed listening to her stories and hearing her laugh. She was a tough teacher but genuinely cared for her students and wanted them to succeed. My prayers to Eric, Roane, Ryan and the rest of the family. Loved Pat and will miss her vibrant personality.*

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**Steve Garrett** - July 30, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ *Mrs. Smith was a wonderful lady. I came to know her as she and I both substituted here in Carthage ISD. We laughed together a lot over how so many of the students mixed us up, so each time we met in the hallway or the grocery store...she'd say "Hello, Ms Smith and I'd reply "Hello, Ms Mitchell". She will be missed by MANY!!*



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**Lee Mitchell** - July 30, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ *She was hard but an awesome English teacher. She made you work hard as a student, and just barely getting by, was not an option in her classroom. We need more teachers like her today, in our school systems. My condolences goes out to her family.*

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**Latisha Roberts** - July 30, 2020 at 05:36 PM

MB

“ *Marlin & Sharon Bush lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Smith*



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**Marlin & Sharon Bush** - July 30, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ *Mrs Smith was a hard but great English Teacher! I am so sorry to hear of her passing, prayers for her family.*  
*Ronnie and Dawn Jacobs*

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**Dawn Jacobs** - July 30, 2020 at 04:26 PM

HH

“ *HeartsWay Hospice lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Smith*



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**HeartsWay Hospice** - July 30, 2020 at 04:16 PM

Ashley Hall

“ *Ms. Pat was such a wonderful lady. So so sorry for your loss. I loved her...and her laugh was fantastic!!*

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**Ashley Hall** - July 30, 2020 at 04:07 PM

BK

“ *Pat was a beautiful lady, wonderful person and teacher to our sons. Prayers for this precious family.*  
*Barbara Kruebbe*



**Barbara Kruebbe** - July 30, 2020 at 03:49 PM

JS

*One of my favorite book buddies. We both had a love for words and books and shared several private jokes. Her laughter was infectious and her personality was precious. Love and prayers to the family.*  
*James and Barbara Speer*

**James Speer** - July 30, 2020 at 04:03 PM

SS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the great loss to your family. She was a delight anytime I saw her. My deepest sympathy and prayers lifted to your precious family.*

*Sonya & Todd Shelton*  
*Sinclair Black*



**Sonya Shelton** - July 30, 2020 at 03:21 PM

LH

“ *LESSIE HUGHES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Smith*



**LESSIE HUGHES** - July 30, 2020 at 03:05 PM