



Mrs. Ruth Ann Smith

January 8, 1945 - May 18, 2023

Graveside funeral services for Gary native, Mrs. Ruth Ann Smith, 78, will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 22, 2023, at the Mt. Bethel Cemetery in Gary, Texas. Burial will follow under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ruth Ann Griffith Smith was born January 8, 1945, in Gary, Texas. She passed this life May 18, 2023, in Carthage, Texas. Ruth Ann was the daughter of William Norris and Bernice Ruth Ritter Griffith. She was raised and schooled in Gary, graduating with the Bobcat Class of 1964. She received a Bachelors of Arts in Education and a Masters in School Psychology from Stephen F. Austin State University. Mrs. Smith worked as a teacher/counselor for Gary, Overton, and Carthage I.S.D.'s in elementary and special education. Mrs. Smith was active in the Gary community serving as Mayor. She is preceded in death by her parents, and stepparents, JoAnn Griffith & Jacob R. "Shorty" Sistrunk.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her three daughters, Tiffany Pass and husband Tim of Gary, Brandi Henderson and husband Kris of Kansas, and Heather Harrison and husband Ben of Gary; brother, Ritter Griffith and wife Lavetta of Gary; sister, Judy Wilkerson and husband Robert of Gary; brother, William N. Griffith, Jr. and wife Casey; grandchildren, Micah and Amy Pass, Johnnie Pass and fiancé Freya Threadgill, Cori Conrad, Clayton "C.J." Conrad, Chloe Atchley, and Danielle Harrison; great grandchildren, Bentley, Haylie, Henry, Noah, Adaline, and Leanna.

Serving as pallbearers will be, Tim Pass, Clayton "C.J." Conrad, Ben Harrison,

and Johnnie Pass. The family requests memorials to Parkinson's and Diabetes research.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Bethel Cemetery

3841 FM 999 W
Gary, TX 75643

Previous Events

Graveside Service

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

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Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. Ruth Ann was an important lady at GISD. We all loved her and knew she worked tirelessly for the students @ Gary School. She has a lovely family and our prayers are with each of them. She’s with our Lord and Savior and resting in peace.



BeckyBlair - August 11, 2023 at 08:22 PM

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“ I really loved taking care of Ms Ruth. She was a wonderful resident with lots of stories and loved to sing. Fly high Ms Ruth. Your nurse Jennifer Mansfield LVN



Jennifer mnsfield - May 22, 2023 at 02:25 PM

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“ I'll always remember Ruth Ann's kindness, her great cooking skills, and the important role she played in our family for several years. May God comfort all of her family members during this time of loss, and may we all look forward to seeing her again in heaven someday!

Sharon Simpson - May 21, 2023 at 03:49 PM