



## Dorothy Brown Smith

July 10, 1930 - February 11, 2013

Dorothy Marie Brown Smith, a long-time resident of El Campo, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2013 in Austin following a lengthy illness. She was 82.

Mrs. Smith was born July 10, 1930 in Refugio to Maggie Mae and William Joseph Brown. She graduated from El Campo High School in 1948.

She married Franklin Dewitt "F.D. Smitty" Smith in 1953. She and Smitty had two daughters, Melanie and Lori. Mrs. Smith also had a son, Glynn McDonald.

Mrs. Smith began her career as bookkeeper and office manager of the El Campo Leader-News April 11, 1954. She also kept the books for Radio Station KULP. Both the newspaper and the radio station were owned by former State Sen. Culp Krueger.

When Fred Barbee and Dick Elam bought the newspaper and radio station from Sen. Krueger in July 1968, she stayed on until her retirement in January 1996, a 42-year career.

She was in Pilot Club, a mentor for Special Friends and active in Baptist Women for many years. She sang in the church choir and volunteered during Vacation Bible School each year. She loved El Campo, the Ricebirds, First Baptist Church and the El Campo Leader News. She always read the newspaper from cover-to-cover and never wanted to throw any of them away.

She is survived by her daughters, Melanie Smith Hadley and husband William of Cedar Park and Lori Smith Fajkus and husband Wesley of Harper and grandchildren, Jenna Bodenhamer, John Fajkus and wife Lindsey, Reagan Fajkus and Lane Fajkus.

She was preceded in death by her husband, F.D. Smith; son, Glynn Ray McDonald; brother, Robert L. Brown and sister, Betty Oatman.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 at First Baptist Church of El Campo. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15 at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick DuBroc officiating. Interment will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Pallbearers are William Hadley, Wesley Fajkus, Jenna Bodenhamer (honorary), John Fajkus, Reagan Fajkus (honorary) and Lane Fajkus.

Memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church, 206 Depot Street, El Campo, TX 77437.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Lori, what a sweet mom you were blessed with.  
Thinking of you,  
Sherry Krpec Pietsch*

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**Sherry Pietsch - El Campo, TX - friend** - February 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Aunt Dorothy was a treasure to us all and I am a better person because of her. All of my most precious and happiest memories as a child were with Aunt Dot, my cousins, my dad, and all the crazy and fun things we did. I feel so blessed that she was a part of my life. Love you all!*

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**Tracy Jarzombek - Laredo, TX - Niece** - February 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Beautiful lady, beautiful picture, and beautiful memories. She will be greatly missed and long remembered and loved. My prayers are with all of you and thanking God that our paths crossed.j5j*

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**Cynthia Pope - Kyle, TX - friend** - February 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My thought and prayers are with the family. Dorothy was a very sweet and loving person. I enjoyed our time working together. She always had a smile on her face. I am sure she will be truly missed.*

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**Sharon Kruppa - El Campo, TX - friend** - February 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mrs. Smith was such a beautiful lady inside and out. She always had a kind word to say to everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with Lori and the entire family. Your loss here on Earth is certainly Heaven's gain! God Bless All of You!*

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**Lisa Petersen Wilson - El Campo, TX - Classmate of Lori's** - February 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM