



Edna Smith

July 10, 1922 - May 2, 2019

Edna Earle Alexander Smith, of El Campo, (formerly of Sweeny)TX died May 2, 2019. She was born to Bessie Mae French Alexander and Earl Gray Alexander July 10, 1922 on the family farm near Wellington in Collingsworth County. Edna graduated from Wellington High School (1939), Clarendon Junior College (1941), and West Texas State College in Canyon, TX (1944) with a Bachelor of Science degree. She married Kennard Smith February 3, 1942 in Canyon, and their marriage was blessed with a son and three daughters.

In 1957, their family relocated from Borger, TX, to Sweeny where Edna taught in Sweeny ISD for over twenty years. After retiring in 1982, she was a continuing member of the Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA), and the local Retired Teachers Association in Brazoria County. Her interests in education and love of reading resulted in her enthusiastic support of the local school libraries, where she volunteered for many years. She also pursued an interest in history and genealogy leading to active membership in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT).

Edna and Kennard were members of the First United Methodist Church of Sweeny until their deaths. Edna is remembered by her family as a faithful Christian who comported herself with dignity, grace, and compassion for others throughout her life.

During retirement, Edna's adventurous spirit and passion for learning lead her to travel the world, including trips to Israel, Russia, Belgium, England, Germany, and France. Her travels and support have inspired the next generation of her family in their own educational pursuits.

She is survived by her children, S. Kennard Smith (Jeanie) of Boise, ID, Betty Leach (Jim) of El Campo, Alexa Sparkman (Roy) of Austin and Frances Towers (Jim) of Beaumont. She has 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. A sister-in-law, Betty Jo Alexander of Austin, as well as numerous nieces and nephews also survive her. Her husband of 42 years, her parents, her brother, J.T. Alexander, and her sister, Louise Orr Craft preceded Edna in death.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 207 E 1st St., Sweeny. She will be laid to rest at the Sweeny Cemetery next to her husband.

Her grandsons and grandson-in-law will serve as pallbearers.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Sweeny Elementary School Library or the FUMC-Sweeny, 207 E 1st St., Sweeny, TX 77480.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Cemetery Details

Sweeny Cemetery

Old Main St, Sweeny, TX 77480

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
207 E 1st St
Sweeny, TX 77480

Tribute Wall

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“ To all of the Smith Family: You have been in our thoughts and prayers this week. Our mothers had a special friendship that lasted a lifetime. So much about their lives was the same and just enough was different to make life interesting. They sure enjoyed the traveling they did together! All of our family loved Edna Earle and made a special effort to see her when she visited Lampasas. We will miss her! Sincerely, Debbie, Smitty, Elizabeth, Scotti, Chris and Ryker.

Debbie Smith - May 11, 2019 at 02:14 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Edna Earle and Edith



Debbie Smith - May 11, 2019 at 01:30 PM

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“ Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of Edna Smith



Elaine Cook - May 07, 2019 at 06:01 PM

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“ *My condolences to the family. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Andrea McCann - May 04, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Edna Smith.*



May 04, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edna Smith.*



May 03, 2019 at 10:26 PM

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“ *It has been a wonderful pleasure to have had Edna in our lives for these last few months. She always had stories to share of her past adventures. We enjoyed her so much and pleased we were friends for this very brief time. She will be remembered with love. She loved having so many beautiful dresses from her daughter and made to feel so beautiful wearing them. She was a beautiful lady with a life well lived. We will miss her.*

carol brady - May 03, 2019 at 09:41 PM

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In our thoughts & prayers during this time of the loss of your Mother!

Robert & Becky Chomout - May 04, 2019 at 09:51 AM



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



May 03, 2019 at 07:48 PM