



Margaret Smidt

September 21, 1931 - January 19, 2021

Margaret Sands Smidt (born September 21, 1931) passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at the age of 89. Margaret was born in Sparrows Point in Baltimore County, Maryland to Cecil and Elsie Sands of Wise County Virginia. Her parents moved to Sparrows Point in 1928 where her father worked as a millwright at Bethlehem Steel Company. Her mother was a housewife and mother to 7 daughters, widowed early in life at age 37. Margaret left Baltimore to work for the telephone company as a phone operator in Florida and Houston, before moving to El Campo in her mid-20s.

During her years in El Campo, Margaret was a wonderful homemaker and mother and worked as a book keeper, sold Luzier cosmetics, and was a teachers aide at the Presbyterian pre-school. She enjoyed playing bridge, gardening, cooking and had a huge heart for volunteering where she served with Houston hospice, El Campo Heritage Center and ECMH Sunshine Ladies. She was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church, serving as an elder for many years.

Margaret is survived by her son, Doyle C. Smidt of El Campo; daughter and son-in-law Melissa and Kurt Liles and grandchildren Lindsey and Landon Liles of Frisco TX; also survived by her devoted sister Susan Sands Pharoan of Coeburn Virginia. She was preceded in death by her parents Cecil and Elsie Sands; sisters Doris Snead, Clara Bartlett, Nancy Hefner, Shirley Thompson, and Phyllis Sobczynski; and by Vernon Doyle Smidt.

A memorial service will be planned at a later date at the First Presbyterian Church in El Campo. Donations may be made to Houston Hospice - El Campo branch; the ECMH Sunshine Ladies; or the First Presbyterian Church in El Campo.

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

Tribute Wall

SP

“ Susan Pharoan lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smidt



Susan Pharoan - January 22, 2022 at 06:40 AM

MH

“ Mona Hefner lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smidt



mona hefner - January 28, 2021 at 02:01 PM

PT

“ Patricia Taylor lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smidt



Patricia Taylor - January 27, 2021 at 07:17 PM

EZ

“ Emily Zaruba lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smidt



Emily Zaruba - January 27, 2021 at 06:01 PM

SC

“ Melissa, Doyle and family, my mother and I were saddened to hear of Margaret's passing. We thought so highly of her and she was a sweet and kind friend. Margaret would honk and wave to me when she would see me working in the yard. She would occasionally drive through the U-drive and visit with me from the car. I will miss her visits and I hold dear the sweet memories I have of her. May God grant you His comfort and peace and may Margaret rest in peace.

Sandra Cranek - January 26, 2021 at 04:28 PM

CF

“ Doyle & Melissa - my deepest sympathy - your Mother was a great Lady - my Mother, Mary Chovanec admired her so...so many years gone by...God Bless You Both ❤️🙏❤️

Cynthia Chovanec Fontana - January 26, 2021 at 11:01 AM

CR

“ Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smidt



Cindy Riha - January 25, 2021 at 11:01 PM

ST

“ Margaret was a special lady. We have great memories of her as a family friend, our boys preschool teacher and a community servant. She was beautiful inside and out. Our prayers go out to her family during this time of grief.

Speck & Donna Thornton - January 25, 2021 at 09:47 PM

CN

“ I am very saddened to hear of her passing. Our families spent much time together. My thoughts and prayers go out to Doyle and Melissa along with all other family and friends

Charlie Nohavitz - January 25, 2021 at 08:27 PM

TL

“ Ted Lashley lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smidt



Ted Lashley - January 25, 2021 at 08:00 PM

SP

“ As her youngest sister, Margaret and I shared a very special bond of love and respect. I looked up to her as a child and as a mature sister, we shared so many wonderful times together when I lived in Austin and visited her in El Campo over the years. When she could join up with the sisters and our mother in Baltimore, it was always a good time. The last few years will be the most endearing to me as I was able to spend precious time with her as she was in declining health. I want to thank Margaret's close and dear friends who were life long El Campo friends to her and as she enriched them in friendship, they did so to her as well.



Susan Sands Pharoan - January 25, 2021 at 07:44 PM

AM

“ *Andrea McCann lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smidt*



Andrea McCann - January 25, 2021 at 07:40 PM

LD

“ *Wonderful memories of Margaret stopping by for a cup of coffee with my mom. I would sit there at our kitchen table just listening to them. She was a beautiful lady - inside and out!*

Lenora Burrell Doerfler

Lenora Doerfler - January 25, 2021 at 07:37 PM

BC

“ *Becky Chomout lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smidt*



Becky Chomout - January 25, 2021 at 06:22 PM

BC

“ *Margaret was special friend that I loved dearly!
Will miss our visits.
Becky Chomout*

Becky Chomout - January 25, 2021 at 05:06 PM

DA

“ Ms. Margaret was our beloved neighbor for 5 years before selling her house on Frels street. Our boys loved her dearly and were so sad when she moved. She would stop by and bring the boys candy or a gift which meant the world to us! We loved Ms. Margaret, may her sweet soul Rest In Peace. Prayers for her family. Love The Anderson Family



Denise Anderson - January 25, 2021 at 12:34 PM

RM

A very special lady!!!!

Rosa Mathews - January 25, 2021 at 10:32 PM

KS

I was so saddened to hear of Margaret's passing. She was my lovely neighbor for 40 years. As single women we shared many chores tending to our huge yards. Killing snakes, trapping armadillos, or whatever. We always had a good laugh about our encounters. We knew we could call on each other always, and we did. I am so thankful that she stopped by right before Christmas to say hello. She looked beautiful as always. She was a wonderful lady, neighbor and dear friend to me always. I have really missed her over the last year. Just not the same not seeing her out in the yard. My prayers to Melissa and Doyle. God bless you my sweet friend. I will always miss you. Rest In Peace.

Karen Schmermund - January 27, 2021 at 02:41 PM

SP

Thank you Karen. A heartfelt tribute by a wonderful neighbor. You knew her a long time. Keep the yard lights shining.

Susan Pharoan - January 28, 2021 at 12:07 AM

PD

“ *Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smidt*



Patricia Dybala - January 25, 2021 at 09:39 AM