



Betty Ellebracht Smith

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Betty Ellebracht Smith of San Antonio passed away on August 17, 2018 at the age of 57. She was born on July 27, 1961 in San Antonio to Willie and Helen Ellebracht. She is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her loving husband of 20 years Kenneth Smith; her daughter, Hannah Smith; her son, Andrew Smith; and her sister, Diane Sulak (husband David).

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 10:00 A.M. followed by the Service at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels Stone Oak, 23755 US Highway 281 North. A Reception will follow at the Funeral Home. A Cryptside service will begin at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, August 24, 2018 at Mission Burial Park Dominion North, 20900 IH 10 West. In lieu of flowers you can make a donation to Ordinary Miracles Canine Rescue or your favorite animal shelter as Betty loved animals.

Cemetery Details

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion

20900 IH 10 W
San Antonio, TX 78257
(210) 698-5252
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ *I am so sad to just read this. We were childhood neighbors and had been back in touch in recent years with the passing of our parents and stayed in touch a little bit thru FB. Prayers for peace to her family.*

Barbara Scheib - August 31, 2018 at 12:04 AM

MM

“ There is a big silence in my life without my frequent texts to BJ or our lunches out. How many ways did BJ help me and so many other people? She was always helping by giving sound health care management advice, by reminding emotional people (me) to think practically about managing elderly parents. In this regard she was an anchor. Her family and friends may never know how much she helped her clients in her work.

She helped me by asking how the ballet was going, or how parenting was going...We shared a lot: philosophies about raising kids, recipes, a love of beautiful things. We went to museums and BJ came to performances I designed.

Cooking was a way to show her love for her family. (Hannah's cake on her last birthday was a total work of art!) Some people might look at her life and think it was pretty quiet- even mundane- but it was never mundane because of the joy she extracted from all the "little" things that really matter most.

She loved going to the lake. She loved her house, her dogs, but mostly she loved Ken, Hannah and Andrew. It's hard to see it now, but I believe she gave us all a big gift: by showing us how to live and by showing us how to die. In living and in dying she considered others, loved others, and faced adversity with a huge amount of courage most people do not possess. BJ, above all her many kindnesses, was brave. It's her gracious bravery I hope we take up and carry with us as we keep going in this life.

Rest in Peace dear friend, sister, wife and mother. I'm counting on seeing you again.

Margaret

Margaret Mitchell - August 27, 2018 at 04:36 PM

JU

“ Ken, Hannah and Andrew. We are so sorry to hear about BJ's passing. She was such a wonderful neighbor of 14 years, and her smile will always be remembered. We always enjoyed chatting with her when we were outside doing yard work. Our prayers will continue to be with you all during this difficult time. Her journey's just begun and she will forever live in your heart. May God comfort you and your family now and forever.

Sincerely,
Judy and Lynn Utley

Judy Utley - August 22, 2018 at 04:50 PM

EO

“ BJ was a great neighbor and a very caring, kind and friendly person. She always watched out for the neighbors and will be missed. God bless her family and give them comfort in this time of need.

Becky and Ezell Olivares

Ezell Olivares - August 22, 2018 at 09:42 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Betty Ellebracht Smith.



August 22, 2018 at 09:02 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Ellebracht Smith.*



August 21, 2018 at 07:36 AM



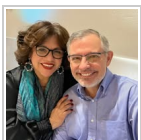
“ *Ken, Hannah and Andrew- Many prayers of love, strength and comfort to you all. May you find joy in the precious memories of such an amazing lady!*

Summer Gault - August 20, 2018 at 08:02 PM



“ *Ken, Hannah and Andrew I am so sorry for your loss and am praying for God to comfort you. BJ was such a sweet friend. My favorite memory of her was getting together to craft at her home when our kids were young. She was so creative. BJ confided about her illness with me and I admired her strength and positive attitude about life and dealing with a terminal illness. I know her husband and children were her world and she was so proud of them. My heart aches for your family.*

Lisa Pattison - August 20, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ *Dear Ken, Hannah, and Andrew. I am so sorry for your loss. BJ was such an awesome person. She was the best hostess, baker, crafter but most of all she was a dear and caring friend.*
Fanita Barkalow

Fanita Barkalow - August 19, 2018 at 11:10 PM

AM

“ BJ was the kindest neighbor with a huge heart. She had a tremendous love for her children and husband. Our love and prayers go out to her family. She is now in the arms of our Lord.

Angela McMahan - August 19, 2018 at 05:25 PM

CP

“ I am heartbroken. B.J. was a great neighbor friend with a love for God and her family. She was an amazing cook and baker, and I was blessed to try some of her specialties at kids' birthday parties (beautifully designed cakes!). I will remember her beautiful smile and how much she loved being a Mom to Hannah and Andrew and wife to Ken. She will always continue to care for you from heaven. I enjoyed such good times at her house or ours when our children were younger playing together while we tried to have some adult conversation.

Christie Pannkuk - August 19, 2018 at 04:34 PM