



Herlinda M. Smith

October 27, 1927 - May 15, 2021

HERLINDA M. SMITH

San Antonio - Herlinda Smith, 93, passed away on May 15th, 2021, at her home in Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas from a cerebrovascular stroke. She passed peacefully and comfortably surrounded by family.

She was born on October 27, 1927 to Fidel Mendoza Sr. and Emma Martinez Mendoza. Linda (Nina) attended Fox Tech High School and began school for beautician/hairstylist and obtained her license at age 15. She continued to work in this field for over 50 years and owned her own beauty salon for nearly 40 years.

She met, fell in love and married Benjamin R. Smith II on October 26, 1947. They were married for 54 years until he passed on November 17, 2001. Linda and Benjamin had three sons, Benjamin III, Kenneth Dell and Gary Ray. The most difficult time they endured in their life was the loss of their youngest son, Gary in a motorcycle accident at age 15 in September of 1970.

They have 2 granddaughters, Jennifer Kalt and Kara Reed. Jennifer currently lives in Fort Collins, Colorado with her husband Dave Kalt, children Savannah, Miyah and Evan. Kara lives in Phoenix, Arizona with her husband Justin Reed. Linda is survived by her sons, Benjamin, Kenneth and his wife Anna,

granddaughters Jen and Kara, great-grandchildren Savannah, Miyah, Evan and Aubrey.

Also, by her brother Raul Mendoza and sister Emma (Mita) and her husband Buddy Tripp. As well as her many cousins, nieces, nephews and grand and great nieces and nephews. Linda is preceded in death by her husband Benjamin II, son Gary Ray, parents, Fidel Sr. and Emma Mendoza, as well as her brother Fidel Jr. and sisters Carmela Ruiz and Rachel Garcia.

Linda was a loving and caring wife and mom, daughter and sister. She was beloved by all her family, friends and neighbors and loving to everyone she met.

Linda will be laid to rest with her husband, Benjamin and their son Gary at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery on July 16th, 2021 at 11:30 AM preceded by a Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 9:30 AM. There will be a Rosary the evening before on July 15th, 2021 at Mission Park Funeral Home starting at 7 PM.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Rosary

JUL **15**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
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Funeral Mass

JUL **16**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
8500 Cross Mountain Trail
San Antonio, TX 78255

Interment

JUL **16**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

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“ *When we first became neighbors, we remember that it was not uncommon to see Linda working in her yard. She loved the outdoors and was always a great hostess. We will miss her. Our sincere condolences to the Smith family. Joann and Ruben...*

Ruben Martinez - July 15, 2021 at 10:12 PM