



Lilia Smith

November 17, 1949 - January 20, 2018

Lilia Esperanza Hernandez Smith passed away January 20, 2018, peacefully in her home. She was preceded by her parents and joins her beloved husband Donald W Smith in eternal rest. She is survived by sisters Rosa Hemphill and Elena Legg; daughters Lisa Smith and Anne-Marie Ratcliff (Niel Ratcliff); grandsons Raziel and Malchiah Ratcliff; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Lilia devoted her life to education, having graduated from (University of Texas San Antonio) with her second Master's Degree in Spanish. She taught at Fox Tech HS, Longfellow MS, and San Antonio Preparatory Academy. Over her teaching career of over 30 years she was awarded many grants, while touching the lives of many young people in the community. She is sorely missed.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

FEB 8. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

FEB 9. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church
700 Dewhurst
San Antonio, TX 78213
(210) 342-0281

Interment

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ I loved Lilia. Ellie and I would visit her at the hospital and rehab centers and we listened to everything she had been through. I always thought she had suffered so much and I wanted her to get better and have peace. She has found that in Heaven with Don and her parents. I will miss her voice and laugh! She was such a good person.

Betty Jones - February 07, 2018 at 10:01 AM

FM

“ Frances McDonnell Marroquin lit a candle in memory of Lilia Smith



Frances McDonnell Marroquin - February 05, 2018 at 06:59 PM

FM

I heard once that our cousins are our first playmates and Lilia came with the bonus of two older sisters, so I had three wonderful playmates throughout my childhood! I will miss her very much. She was always SO easy to talk to!

Frances McDonnell Marroquin - February 05, 2018 at 07:03 PM

MC

“ *Lilia was always a fun person to be around and with. As an older cousin of mine, we would go over to her house to visit with her family. Uncle Roy would be cooking his barbarcoa with the house smelling to high heaven. I don't think lilia liked it either but it was her dad cooking, so what's the big deal? She really loved her students and her family. I had a few of here students at the university so I know them well. They talked about what a great teacher she was. Don and the girls really meant a lot to her as well. I will miss her loving smile and big heart. - Henry McDonnell, Jr.*

McDonnell - February 05, 2018 at 11:46 AM

HM

“ *I loved Mrs. Smith she was one of my favorite English teachers. She was so nice and a real passion for teaching. Her daughter's ment the world to her. I remember Lisa Smith sitting in on her classes. I also remember the time a bat got stuck in the hallway at Longfellow. Mrs Smith ran for her life as it flew at her. I laughed so hard. I will never forget how creeped out she was by that. Lol. She will be missed. She was a great lady.*

Heather Curtis Martinez - February 04, 2018 at 06:26 PM

LM

“ *Love from all the McDonnells purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lilia Smith.*



Love from all the McDonnells - February 04, 2018 at 11:48 AM

RO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rosa - February 04, 2018 at 10:36 AM

MM

Wow great photo....cousin Mark McDonnell

Mark McDonnell - February 04, 2018 at 02:52 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Lilia Smith.



February 04, 2018 at 04:28 AM

RL

“ We shared a joyful 68 years with our beloved sister, Lilia. We remember her learning to ride her trike on Monterey St, careening down Pilgrim Dr. hill on bikes, paddle boating. Loving her was always easy. We will miss her. Sisters Elena Legg, Rosa Hemphill



Rosa Hemphill and Elena Legg - February 04, 2018 at 01:27 AM