



Melba Smith

October 23, 1944 - July 19, 2023

Melba Smith, 78, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, in San Antonio, Texas. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at the Country Church, 1005 W. FM 78, Marion, Texas 78124 from 10:30-12:00 PM followed by a memorial service. Interment will be at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

Melba was born on October 23, 1944, in Lockhart, Texas to the late Robert Tartly Ferguson and Elda Catherine Dubose Ferguson. She married the second love of her life, James M. Smith Jr. on July 2, 1966, In San Antonio, Texas. Melba made sure James knew of her deep love for him, but “Jesus was her first love”. They went on to raise three children: Annette, Jeanette, and James. Melba was a very loving and nurturing wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was a member of Salem Sayers Baptist Church and if the doors were open that is where you would find her. Melba enjoyed teaching and working in VBS and Mission Friends and shared that love with her family. James said, “We never had a day that we did not enjoy each other’s company”. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Melba is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, 16 days and 8 hours, James M. Smith Jr.; children Annette Ikels and husband Keith, Jeanette Thompson and husband Jason, James Smith III and wife Dora; grandchildren, Derrick Ikels and wife Jamie, Kristine Ikels, Amber Ikels, Brittany Smith and

husband Jerome, Samuel Thompson and wife Meagan, Justin Thompson, Nathaniel Smith; great grandchildren, Aubrey, Addie, Zoey, Eli, Weston, and Easton; siblings, Robert Ferguson and wife Marie, Willard Ferguson and wife Betty Margaret, John Ferguson and wife Alice; sister in-law, Sylvia Ferguson; numerous extended family and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Eway Ministry, 3277 S. FM 908 Rockdale, Texas 76567.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

The Country Church
1005 W. FM 78
Marion, TX 78124

Funeral Service

AUG 1. 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM (CT)

The Country Church
1005 W. FM 78
Marion, TX 78124

Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Melba Smith.*



July 28, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Melba Smith.*



July 27, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melba Smith.*

July 27, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ Aunt Melba was a wonderful God loving and family loving woman. I recall many childhood memories with Aunt Melba. She always cared and checked on family members. She bragged about any family member with joy! I recalled the rides with her dropping off my cousins to school while we were on Spring break with her. I also remember the times at Six Flags. She made me laugh so much! Aunt Melba sent letters and Christmas cards to us. My parents enjoyed Uncle Jimmy’s and Aunt Melba’s visits they made. Prayers to Uncle Jimmy, Annette, Jeanette, and James III. Love you! We love you Aunt Melba,
Janice(Ferguson), Scott, and Kirsten Jaquish

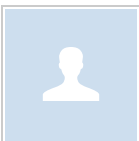
Janice Ferguson Jaquish - July 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melba Smith.



July 25, 2023 at 07:54 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Melba Smith.



July 24, 2023 at 08:36 PM