



Renata Smith Byrne

September 13, 1915 - January 6, 2006

Reneta Smith Byrne passed away on Friday, January 6, 2006. Born in Denison, Texas, she was the daughter of George Samuel Smith and Iva Palmer Smith. After working at the Express-News, Renata became the Fashion and Home Furnishings Editor for the San Antonio Light. During the course of her career, Renata received numerous awards: the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award, the Texas Press Women Communicator of the Year, the UPI Winner for Fashion Writing, the Dorothy Dawe Award in 1962 and 1965, the Alma Award, the San Antonio Club Women of Today's Award of Merit, the Foremost Woman in Communications Award. In addition, her club and organizational memberships included: Theta Sigma Phi, Texas Press Women, Salvation Army Auxillary, S.A. Symphony League, Live Oak Garden Club, Gardenia Club, Council of Presidents and World Affairs Council. Renata is survived by three nieces, Linda Steitle; Dana Pankratz and husband, Kurt; Glenda Macafee and husband, Wallace of Tucson, AZ; and one nephew, Dr. A.F. "Buddy" Smith and wife, Darlene of Lago Vista, TX; and numerous great nephews and nieces.

SERVICES

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2006 at 12:00 Noon at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army or to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Reneta and I worked side by side at the San Antonio Light for many years. We were also neighbors and friends. I went with her to her garden club Christmas party in December and saw then than she was failing. Recent surgery made it impossible for me to*

Helen Miles - January 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Vaya con Dios, Reneta. You are forever in our memories.*

Joe and Bobbi Schott - January 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *I am saddened to hear of Reneta's death. I, too, worked at The Light for 26 years until it closed, and have some very good memories of Reneta. She was a wonderful role model. My Prayers are with all of you.*

Lillian M. Franckowiak - January 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I had the opportunity to work with Ms. Byrne on some freelance projects early in my career, and she was very insightful and very kind to a "rookie." I will remember her fondly.*

Lisa Owens - January 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.*

Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North

Mission Park North - January 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM