



Suzanne Echols Smith

January 12, 1940 - July 9, 2022

Suzanne Echols Smith, 82, died July 9, 2022, in the presence of her loving family in San Antonio, Texas.

Suzanne was born January 12, 1940, in Richardson, Texas to Edgar and Cecile Echols. Her father was a carpenter and cemetery caretaker. Her mother was a homemaker, seamstress, and later an office clerk with Civil Service.

Suzanne and her brother George spent much of their childhood visiting at their paternal grandparents' home and playing with their Echols cousins. Suzanne has fond memories of those childhood years and has maintained close ties with several of her Echols family. Suzanne graduated from W. H. Adamson High School in Dallas, Texas with the Class of 1957.

In the mid-1950s Suzanne met Charles David Smith at church. In 1957 they married and this union would produce six children. The family initially lived in Carrollton, Texas. Suzanne was a homemaker while Charles worked in airport operations with Braniff International Airlines. The family later moved to Tacoma, Washington in 1966 and during this time

Suzanne worked briefly as part of a cabin cleaning crew for Continental Airlines. In 1968, the family settled in San Antonio, Texas where they still

reside today.

In 1975 Suzanne became a single parent to her six children and began her career in Real Estate in order to support her family. She first worked as a receptionist with Condra Real Estate in San Antonio, Texas. In the late 1970s Suzanne became a Licensed Real Estate Agent. In the early 1980s Suzanne attended San Antonio College in San Antonio, Texas where she earned her Associates Degree in Liberal Arts and Real Estate, and she then became a Licensed Real Estate Broker. In 1984 Suzanne began her property management business, Suzanne Smith Management Company, which she successfully operated for the last 38 years. Suzanne firmly believed in “family first” and empowered women to become independent. She allowed employees flexible scheduling to include bringing children to work when childcare was not available. Over the years Suzanne has received industry awards and recognition from the US Dept of HUD, Lancaster Pollard, Mission Road Developmental Center, and SouthWestern Affordable Housing Management Association where she has served on their board.

Suzanne had close relationships with her children and grandchildren, and each have a special place in her heart. Her hobbies and interests included family, knitting, baking, reading, playing ukulele and accordion, and watching crime television and movies. In the early 2000s Suzanne was an original student at the Conjunto Heritage Taller where she learned to play Conjunto Music on the button accordion; and, during the mid-2000s she was a member of the Ukulele Ladies and Gents where she learned to play several styles of music adapted for the ukelele, with her favorite styles being Bluegrass and Hawaiian. Suzanne traveled with the Ukelele Ladies and Gents to Hawaii twice for special performances.

Suzanne was raised in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Although she didn't attend church for several years, she maintained her LDS

faith. Suzanne had a caring heart and lived a life of service to others. Suzanne is preceded in death by: parents Edgar and Cecile Groves Echols; brother and sister-in-law George and Diana Horton Echols; children Eric, Amy, and Jay Scott; daughter-in-law Mary Lou Hernandez-Smith; and, former husband Charles David Smith, Sr.

Suzanne is survived by: children Charles Jr, Leah, and Marian; 7 grandchildren; and, 18 great-grandchildren. Suzanne's "family of choice" survivors include: daughters Jeanne and Sarah; 9 grandchildren; and, 13 great-grandchildren. Finally, Suzanne is survived by: spouses of her children and grandchildren; 2 nephews and their families; and, several cousins.

Funeral Service and Burial:

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Main Chapel

1700 SE Military Dr.

San Antonio, Texas 78214

Phone (210) 924-4242

Visitation, Friday, July 29, 5PM to 8PM.

Funeral, Saturday, July 30, 1PM.

Burial following funeral at Mission Burial Park South.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JUL **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
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Funeral Service

JUL **30**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

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Tribute Wall



“ I am just discovering that you decided it was time to fly. I wish I had had the opportunity to see you one more time but I know that I will see you again. I've missed you over the years and thought of you so very often. Thank you for giving me the opportunity of a lifetime. You are an awesome boss and wonderful life coach.

Marion, Leah, and Charlie my heart goes out to you tremendously and I hope that y'all are doing okay. I miss the three of you as well and hope to see you soon. I really don't think I need to tell you what a wonderful person your mother was nor do I need to even say how much she meant to me because y'all knew. My love to the three of you.... Angela Johnson VanCleave

Angela Johnson - February 17, 2023 at 08:53 AM

RH

“ As one of the younger Echols cousins, I didn't get to know Suzanne until the advent of email and Facebook. And the few reunions she organized. I loved her telling me stories about the family, especially my dad as a kid. The Echolses were a loud and loving bunch when they got together and first set of cousins the stories they could tell.

I am saddened by Suzanne's passing. My condolences to all of her children, family and friends. Her light will live in all of us.

Rhonda Hobson - August 01, 2022 at 12:39 PM

MW

“ Such a beautiful lady.I remember the time,out of the blue,she bought the girls the coolest doll house.She always was thinking of others others

Marilyn Wingo - July 30, 2022 at 04:15 PM

KM

“ Marion , Charlie and Leah and to all of the family my sincere and deepest sympathy in the loss of your sweet momma ! Amy and Eric are rejoicing in heaven seeing her , just in time for Amy’s birthday soon

Sending love Kelly MacAllister dear friend of my sweet Amy Lou

kelly macallister - July 30, 2022 at 01:19 PM

JK

“ Suzanne, you will truly be missed by those of us who got to know you through your work at Mt. Zion Sheltering Arms. Your expert leadership and knowledge of running properties like ours made Sheltering Arms a desirable place for people to seek out. I cannot begin to tell you how much we will miss meeting with and fellowshiping with you. You were always kind, considerate and thoughtful.

Rest in peace!

James Keown - July 29, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ Suzanne, I wish I could say all the things that I want to say to you. I wish I could thank you enough. I’ve learned so much from you and have become a much stronger woman than I could have ever possibly been if you had not been in my life. These past 42 years have been a whirlwind. I would not trade them for anything. There is a reason that the employees of Suzanne Smith Management Company stayed for 10, 15, 20+ and 42 years. You instilled in us that “Family comes first”. You made us feel like family. You allowed us time to attend our children’s school meetings, leave work at moment’s notice to pick up a sick kid... Many of our children, now grown adults, would camp out on pallets under our desks, allowing us to continue working so that we could support our families. You taught us that there is a solution to every problem that we encounter at work and especially when life throws us those curve balls. This world will be an ODD place without you. We must learn to navigate this life on our own, but because of YOU, we can do this! I can you hear you say, “Get a Grip Burchfield”. I Love you BIG MUCH!

Clara Burchfield - July 28, 2022 at 05:31 PM



"This world will be an ODD place without you." You absolutely nailed it on the head... ODD.

Angela Johnson - February 17, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Suzanne Echols Smith.



July 28, 2022 at 05:14 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Foster Anderson & Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Suzanne Echols Smith.*



Brenda Foster Anderson & Family - July 27, 2022 at 07:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Suzanne Echols Smith.*



July 27, 2022 at 01:35 PM



“ *Mom was a beautiful person, both inside and out. She had the biggest heart and would willingly help anyone who needed help. She gave her love and support freely to those who were fortunate to be her “family”. I was one of those fortunate people. There is no telling how I would have ended up if she had not taken me in and given me a safe place to stay with all the love and support I could have possibly wanted. Her beauty and light will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. She will always be in our hearts.*

Jeanne Smith - July 27, 2022 at 01:05 PM

HA

“ *Harold J Foster Sr and Brenda F Anderson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Suzanne Echols Smith.*



Harold J Foster Sr and Brenda F Anderson - July 26, 2022 at 09:17 PM

IS

“ *Mamaw, this was back when we were in high school, probably the only picture we have together. I honestly can't believe this to be true. You were such the sweetest person ever, you had such a big heart and so caring and loving. You were one of the best person in my life and I can't believe you're gone. I love you so much, Mamaw. The last time I saw you was 2 years ago before Covid became a thing, I've always wanted to see you but I know Covid was too serious I didn't want you catching it. I hate that I didn't get to see you one last time 😞 but I hope you know in Heaven that I love you and I will never forget how amazing you were.*



Irene Silva - July 25, 2022 at 11:17 PM

MA

CHARLIE! WHAT AN AMAZING LADY YOU GOT TO CALL "MOM"! I ENJOYED READING HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN LIFE! SHE WAS A FIGHTER! SHE WAS SMART! SHE WAS BRILLIANT! WHAT AN HONOR FOR YOU TO BE HER SON!! WISHED WE WOULD HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO MEET YOUR SWEET +MOMMA 🌹 OUR DEEPEST, DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND ALL YOUR FAMILY. MAY ANGELS HAVE DELIVERED HER TO HEAVEN'S PEARLY GATES AND MAY SHE, FOREVER, REST IN GOD'S CARE 🌹🙏🌹 WE KNOW YOUR SWEET +LULU IS IN GOOD HANDS ❤️

MARY JANE ALCORTA - July 26, 2022 at 01:38 AM

HS

My sincere condolences to the family of Suzanne Smith. Please know that I share your loss. Suzy as she was lovingly known expressed a lot of love and concern for my mother, Ruby Foster. For this my family and I are truly grateful. She will be missed by all who knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad hour in our lives. May God continue to bless you and may Suzy Rest in Peace.

Harold J Foster Sr - July 26, 2022 at 09:03 PM



“Mamaw you were not only the best mamaw ever you were my best friend, my shoulder, my middle of the night texting what are you doing person, my everything. I hope you knew how much you were loved and appreciated!



Cary Amber - July 25, 2022 at 07:32 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Suzanne Echols Smith.*



July 25, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ *We had such a good day travelling to Bandera for a yarn festival*



Ali - July 25, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ *You were the best boss that I've ever worked for. I'm so grateful to you for the opportunity that you gave to me and the kindness that you have shown me and my family. You were an amazing person and you will be truly missed! RIP* 💜

-The Burchfield family

Kristi Burchfield - July 25, 2022 at 01:18 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - July 25, 2022 at 10:40 AM

RM

Suzanne, you were the "Heart & Soul" of the Mission Road apartments for special needs adults. They were not your clients, they were all your special friends! We were blessed by your kindness, your patience and your love. You became one of my best friends as well even though you worked hard at being late to my meetings!! Blessings to you, Marian and the rest of your family.

Bob Murray

Robert Murray - July 25, 2022 at 03:44 PM