



Sharon Kay Smythe

May 5, 1942 - November 27, 2020

Sharon Kay Smythe, 78, received full healing on November 27th, 2020 at 2:10 p.m. Sharon leaves a legacy through her hard work, fierce faith, tenacity for life, and her actions that represent all of the strong women that came before her on the Harral and Grimsley families and sets an example for all of those that come afterward. Sharon was the youngest child and would often admit that she was a bit spoiled by her parents (Edna & Horton Harral) and her two older brothers (JT Harral and Gary Harral). Sharon grew up under her big brother Gary's wing. The two were born 18 months apart and spent their time running through the country and cooling off in the swimming hole on hot summer days in the country. Sharon enjoyed attending dance class and spending the night with her grandmother, Grimsley. As Sharon's alzheimers progressed, she would often talk about the adventures that she had as a child at the family's Bentonville Farm. Sharon loved her extended family including her sister in law (Loretta Harral), nieces (Sabrina and Melissa Harral), nephew (Neal, Jeffery, and Chris Harral and wife Jana). Sharon married her high school sweetheart, Austin Smythe, on the last day of August in 1960. A "tall, handsome, skinny kid" from Gentry, AR with a bit of an ornery side, met by accident when Sharon and a girlfriend lost their way to a church event being held at the 1st Assembly God Church in Decatur, AR. Austin gave Sharon a life full of laughter. Sharon gave Austin three different sons who shared one common trait with their father...the love of making Sharon laugh at their antics. They gave Sharon a hard time and she would huff, puff...laugh and

then give them a hard time right back. The Smythe house is one that was always filled with laughter, card games, jokes, and catfish. The stories from the past would be told in the quiet of the morning as Sharon and Austin would sip their coffee and watch the birds from the huge windows in their living room. Sharon was very proud of her three boys. Her oldest son, Lt. Col. Gary Smythe, made it through many deployments with his mother's nightly prayers covering him and her no bake cookies to welcome him home. Sharon and Gary's wife, Carla, grew close through the years as they shared many conversations over the hardships of loving a soldier. Gary's daughters, Whitney Ritter and Jamie Smythe, adored their Mema, especially her quick wit which would leave them both cackling. Sharon's four great grandchildren (Maddex, Mason, Reece, and Maeleigh) all recall times of looking at rose bushes and walking in nature with their Mema. Dr. Jon Smythe, stretched Sharon's ideas of art and culture. Jon would be the first one to his mom's rescue when the others teased her...he would also (lovingly) be the last to choose her as a card playing partner. Jon gave Sharon her favorite companion a dog affectionately named "Puppy". Puppy and Sharon would walk up and down the ¼ mile driveway daily. When the driveway became too bumpy for Sharon, Austin paved the entire thing to allow Sharon to safely continue her daily walks with Puppy. Timothy "Joe" Smythe was Sharon's baby boy. Joe visited with Sharon daily and took on the role, with his wife Michelle Smythe, of caregiver in the years leading up to Sharon moving into the Memory Center. Joe taught us all in his quiet and kind way how to communicate with Sharon best as she progressed deeper into her disease. Scott, Brian, Mary, Kassi and Jonah all loved their Mimi very much and spent time fixing all of the technology in her house. Mimi always ensured that the boys had their perfect omelets for breakfast. Sharon lived a life of quiet serving. She worked and earned her retirement from The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority. In the years following retirement, she donated her time to clean the church and help friends. Sharon spent a large part of her days praying for others and spending time in God's word. She never veered too far from the

little girl that would run through the farm, as she loved to spend time in nature tending her garden, and taking daily walks. Sharon was a fabulous (vocal) cook and baker. Her specialty was an iced Johnny Cake that she made as a young girl. She only made the cake one time, but it led to a lifetime of stories and laughter from a woman who knew the secret for a well lived life. Sharon prayed for others often, always helped with the work, and knew the importance of laughing. Memorial services for Sharon will be held at Fort Gibson First Free Will Baptist Church on Friday, December 4, 2020 at 10 a.m. followed by taking her ashes to Citizens Cemetery in Fort Gibson, OK. Pastor Tommy Honeycutt will officiate. The service will be live streamed for those who wish to attend virtually. The family of Sharon Kay Smythe has entrusted her care, cremation and service to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Mrs. Smythe's service will be livestreamed at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4642737028?pwd=YUFDbGVyektYYk83bXN5bIVINm9sZz09> Meeting ID: 464 273 7028 Passcode: sharon

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Free Will Baptist Church
1487 E Poplar
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ Sharon Kay Smythe

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ Always remember and idolized Sharon when she got on the school bus with super big cancan petticoats and I was in elementary school. She was a pacesetter and my mom adored her!! My love to all the family❤️Ruthann Strickland

Ruthann - December 07, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ Love all of you. So sorry I can't be there with you. My prayers are with Austin and all of you.
Aunt Betty Jo

Clifford Garrett - December 04, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ So many memories of a life well lived. Thoughts and prayers are with you all and wish so much we could be there to help you celebrate Sharon's life. We will be there in spirit,
Love and hugs to all,
Jim and Maureen
XXOO

Jim and Maureen Smythe - December 03, 2020 at 07:17 PM

JS

“ *Jim and Maureen Smythe purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sharon Kay Smythe.*



Jim and Maureen Smythe - December 03, 2020 at 06:58 PM

DE

“ *Dick And Sharon Elms lit a candle in memory of Sharon Kay Smythe*



Dick and Sharon Elms - December 03, 2020 at 06:11 PM

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“ *Dick And Sharon Elms lit a candle in memory of Sharon Kay Smythe*



Dick and Sharon Elms - December 03, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Sharon Kay Smythe.*



December 02, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ 96 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - December 02, 2020 at 03:17 PM

JS

Just love all the pics ... a life well lived! ❤️❤️❤️

Jim and Maureen Smythe - December 03, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ *Heavenly Light* was purchased for the family of Sharon Kay Smythe.



December 01, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Sharon Kay Smythe.



December 01, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sharon Kay Smythe.*



November 30, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ *Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Sharon Kay Smythe*



Liz Reading - November 30, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sharon Kay Smythe.*



November 30, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ *Kenny Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sharon Kay Smythe.*



Kenny Jones - November 29, 2020 at 03:15 PM

LB

“ So sorry to hear about Sharon's passing! She was always a sweet lady! Praying for everyone! 💜



Lana Boyd - November 29, 2020 at 02:50 PM

LC

“ Sharon, was my neighbor, growing up, anytime I needed help she was right there to help me. When I wanted to darken my hair a little it turned black. I ran over to Sharon and she helped me get stuff to fix it. Or when I fixed dinner one time. I didn't know how to make gravy. Sharon came over and showed me how to make it. Back in the day she was like a mother to me. I love you Sharon you are truly missed.

Linda compton - November 29, 2020 at 12:25 PM

CS

Linda, she thought a lot of you also. She often spoke of things that y'all did together.

Carla Smythe - November 29, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon Kay Smythe.



November 29, 2020 at 11:45 AM

RK

“ *Rosetta Kellehan lit a candle in memory of Sharon Kay Smythe*



Rosetta Kellehan - November 29, 2020 at 10:43 AM

KP

“ *Kasside Phillips lit a candle in memory of Sharon Kay Smythe*



Kasside Phillips - November 29, 2020 at 09:54 AM

CK

“ *Cathey Kessler lit a candle in memory of Sharon Kay Smythe*



Cathey Kessler - November 29, 2020 at 03:13 AM

TP

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, praying for all the family* ❤️



Tonya Price - November 28, 2020 at 10:09 PM

CS

“ *Carla Smythe lit a candle in memory of Sharon Kay Smythe*



Carla Smythe - November 28, 2020 at 12:20 PM