



Betty Smith Harris

May 28, 1926 - February 7, 2013

Betty Harris of Jacksboro died Thursday, February 7, in a Wichita Falls hospital.

Born Betty June Smith in Iowa Park, May 28, 1926, she was the only child of M. L. "Boss" and Cleo Patria Smith. A graduate of Iowa Park High School, she and her high school sweetheart, Joel Allen Harris, were married in 1948, after his return from service in the U.S. Marine Corps. in the Pacific. Joel preceded her in death in 2004 after 56 years of marriage.

Since the death of her father in 1974, Mrs. Harris owned and operated the Smith-Harris Century Ranch in Jack County. Five generations of the same family have run the ranch continuously since 1886, qualifying it for recognition in the Texas Family Land Heritage program. Mrs. Harris' father and three of his brothers who once lived on the ranch were charter members of Jack County's Corn Club, forerunner of the 4-H club.

For more than 40 years, Mrs. Harris worked for the Wichita Falls Independent School District, serving as a guidance counselor, physical education teacher, and elementary school teacher.

She and her late husband were members in the First United Methodist Church of Wichita Falls, and later Jacksboro. For more than 40 years in Wichita Falls,

they belonged to the Winsome Sunday School Class.

She earned bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Texas at Austin and taught school for several years in Buda in the Austin area while Joel attended the University of Texas.

She is survived by son Randall Allen Harris and his wife Jeanne, son Michael, and daughter Taylor, all of Azle; and daughter Rhonda Harris and companion Ronald Campbell of Plano. Cousin Charlene Miller Stenger and Col. James Stenger (Ret.) of San Antonio, and many beloved relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Jacksboro's Concerned Citizens, Relay of Life, or Clothes Closet.

Cemetery Details

Graves Cemetery

1968 J T Graves Lane
Jacksboro, TX 76458

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Coker Funeral Home
152 State Hwy 148
Jacksboro, TX 76458
(940) 567-3778
info@cokerfuneral.com

Service

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
406 North Main Street
Jacksboro, TX 76458

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Smith Harris*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *Betty Smith Harris*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Hi Rhonda and Randy,
So sorry to hear about your Mom. She was such a great Mother to
so many of us from the FUMC family. Wish we could be there to see
you both - hope all is well.
She was loved and will be missed by all.
Love, Susan Nicks Simmons and family*

Susan Nicks Simmons - February 13, 2013 at 01:49 PM



“ *Rhonda, There is no one like a mother and we know your sense of
loss must be overwhelming. Sheila and I just want to express our
condolences and let you know we are thinking of you.*

Pat & Sheila

Pat & Sheila - February 13, 2013 at 11:02 AM

RB

“ Randy & Rhonda, My sympathies to you and your families on the death of your mom. I have such fond memories of her and your dad from First Methodist (WF). You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Robbie (Sperry) Burket

Robbie Burket - February 12, 2013 at 05:38 PM

BW

“ Beverly Ward lit a candle in memory of Betty Smith Harris



Beverly Ward - February 12, 2013 at 03:25 PM

KG

“ Kathy Garner lit a candle in memory of Betty Smith Harris



kathy garner - February 12, 2013 at 01:50 PM

JG

“ Rhonda, We are very sorry to hear about your Mom. You are such a sweet person I know your Mom was the same. Our thoughts are with you. Love, Lanny and Judy

Judy Gouge - February 12, 2013 at 11:44 AM

CH

“ Rhonda we are so sorry to hear about your Mother. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Charlene and Gene

Charlene - February 12, 2013 at 09:47 AM

MF

“ Rhonda,

I am sad to hear of your loss and remember your Mom's thoughtfulness when we stayed with her on the HH rides. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Mef

Mark Fehrman - February 12, 2013 at 08:32 AM

SR

“ Susan Riewe lit a candle in memory of Betty Smith Harris



Susan Riewe - February 12, 2013 at 07:38 AM

DC

“ I am very sorry for your loss Rhonda. I will say a prayer for your mother and you and your family.

Dennis Cuccia

Dennis Cuccia - February 12, 2013 at 07:03 AM

GW

“ Rhonda, so sorry to hear about your loss. Take Care, Gerry & Bruce Watson

Gerry Watson - February 12, 2013 at 07:00 AM

DR

“ Rhonda, sincere condolences to you and your family. Thinking about you!! Love, Debbie Rima

Debbie Rima - February 12, 2013 at 06:36 AM

KH

“ Kay Barry Hardin lit a candle in memory of Betty Smith Harris



Kay Barry Hardin - February 11, 2013 at 04:32 PM

KH

“ Kary Barry Hardin lit a candle in memory of Betty Smith Harris



Kary Barry Hardin - February 11, 2013 at 04:31 PM

SR

“ Randy, Jeanne & Rhonda--thinking of you at this sad time. Jeanne, I think I told you one time that Betty was my gym teacher at Rider High School my Freshman year. I got to know her again as an adult through you & at the office. She always asked for me. She was a sweet lady & I will miss her. She & Daddy Joe are together again!



Sharon Robinson - February 10, 2013 at 10:54 PM

CT

“ Cozy Turner lit a candle in memory of Betty Smith Harris



Cozy Turner - February 10, 2013 at 10:20 AM

LM

“ Leo & Carla Marley sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Smith Harris



Leo & Carla Marley - February 09, 2013 at 05:14 PM

LM

Randy, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Leo & Carla Marley - February 09, 2013 at 05:15 PM

HC

“ With sympathy we send our condolences to the family and friends of Betty. She was a wonderful neighbor and friend. We have some lovely periwinkles she gave us and some Texas Sage. We will always remember her lovely smile and the twinkle of her eyes.
Howard and Maxine Cole.



Howard and Maxine Cole - February 09, 2013 at 12:07 PM

MM

“ Our deepest condolences for your loss.
Michael and Karen Mask



Michael and Karen Mask - February 08, 2013 at 01:07 PM

NG

“ *Neoma (Pewitt) And Pack Gwaltney lit a candle in memory of Betty Smith Harris*



Neoma (Pewitt) and Pack Gwaltney - February 07, 2013 at 11:19 AM

NG

*Our Prayers, Love and Thoughts are with the Family.
Neoma (Pewitt) and Pack Gwaltney*

Neoma (Pewitt) and Pack Gwaltney - February 07, 2013 at 11:20 AM