



## Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith

June 6, 1926 - July 19, 2022

Mrs. Betty Jones Smith, 96, passed from this life at home in Henderson, Texas on July 19, 2022.

A Celebration of Life service for Betty Jones Smith will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at the home of her granddaughter, Kelly Howard and husband Micah, with Don Everly and Neal Logan Smith officiating. Interment will follow at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at Lakewood Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson, Texas.

Betty was born to Amos and Eva Jones on June 6th, 1926 in the Zion Hill community of Minden, Texas. She was one of 14 children reared by Eva and Monnie Sparkman. Betty was salutatorian of her high school class and had a brief career as a beautician before meeting Ebb Smith in April of 1945; they married in June of 1946. Betty and Ebb had four wonderful children and celebrated almost 65 wonderful years together until his passing in May of 2010. Betty spent 75 years as the kind of mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother to which most people would aspire to be. A wonderful homemaker, she was an amazing seamstress and cook - especially of squash casseroles, lady cream peas, and lemon icebox pies. Incredibly keen and well-read, Betty loved to read nonfiction and emphasized the importance of educational pursuits. And in her patience and loving kindness, she made their

house a home for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Betty was the epitome of a lady, and she followed the tenet that if you do not have anything nice to say, it is best to not say anything. While most people in Henderson thought of Ebb as the gardener in the family, the only constant practitioner of the horticultural arts was Betty. She had a green thumb and could make any plant flourish. Anyone related to Betty also knows that 6:30 p.m. is Wheel of Fortune time. For over 40 years, she was an avid watcher and living room participant of the show.

As a member of Philadelphia Church of God, Betty enjoyed reading both history and religious prophecy. While Ebb's health declined, she was a wonderful caretaker and made sure to keep him at home until the end. She spent her last years enjoying the company of her family and observing nature from the comfort of her back porch. In keeping with her wishes, her loving son Don remained at home with her through her last days.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Ebb Smith; son Lynn Smith; parents Eva Harris Jones Sparkman and Amos Gentry Jones; and siblings Carl Jones, Bill Jones, Nora Ann Best, TJ Jones, Jack Sparkman, Billie Jo David, Bobby Sparkman, Virginia Sparkman (infant), and Buddy Sparkman.

Survivors include her siblings: sister Lois Siler of Price, TX; sister Gladys Crouch and husband Jim of Kilgore, TX; brother Charles Sparkman and wife Shelli of Enumclaw, WA; sister Judy Wilkins of Liberty City, TX; children: her daughter in law Yolanda Smith of Henderson, TX; daughter Lynda Young and husband Gary of Brentwood, TN; son Don Everly Smith of Henderson, TX; and son Neal Smith and wife Rena of Premont, TX; grandchildren: David Smith, Rachel Zertuche, Tory Smith, Kelly Howard, Logan Smith, John Young, Tyler Smith, Matt Smith, Travis Smith, and Colton Smith; great-grandchildren: Chloe Smith; Vincent, Sofia, James, and Evie Howard; Pax Smith; Lorenzo and Caden Zertuche; Clarissa, Charlie, and Caleb Smith; and Hannah and

Abigail Smith. Betty is also survived by many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Pallbearers are David Smith, Tory Smith, Vince Howard, John Young, Logan Smith, Tyler Smith, Travis Smith, Matt Smith, and Colton Smith.

Honorary pallbearers are Mike Smith, Jim Crouch, Micah Howard, Stephen Sparkman, Shepherd Smith, David Best, Jon Best, and Humberto Zertuche.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 (website: <https://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org/>.)

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 19. 1:30 PM.

Kelly and Micah Howard's home.

## Graveside

JUL 19. 4:00 PM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Park  
Hwy 64 & 323  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall

LP

“ 96 - wow! - lots of memories and stories and a whole lotta changes during her long lifetime! Neal and Rena, we offer our condolences knowing you will always miss her greatly. For that, we are sad for you, all her family and all her friends. Take heart and look to the future ... Lela Pierce, Angie Pierce

Lela Pierce, Angie Pierce - July 26, 2022 at 06:08 PM

CS

“ Praying for your family! I am so fortunate to have had the pleasure of meeting Betty and know that she was a remarkable women.

chuck Shelton - July 23, 2022 at 05:23 PM

GF

“ Gloria Fetzer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith



Gloria fetzer - July 23, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ Joe White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith



Joe White - July 23, 2022 at 09:57 AM

MM

“ Neal and Don,

*Please know that you and your family are in my prayers with the recent passing of your mother. She was a remarkable woman. May her memory be a blessing to all.*

*Mark Morris*

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**Mark Morris** - July 20, 2022 at 11:12 PM

DC

*I am so sorry for your loss, your Mom was such a sweet lady. Lifting your family in prayer that God will comfort you and bring you peace. I know that she, Ebb, & Lynn are having a sweet reunion.*

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**Debbi Corley** - July 22, 2022 at 04:53 AM

KD

“ *Sincerest condolences to you and your, Linda, and your family. Your mom was a beautiful lady. I know you will miss her dearly.* Katrina Kee Dodson

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**Katrina Kee Dodson** - July 20, 2022 at 09:08 PM

CW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort during this sad time.*

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**Cyndy Willard** - July 20, 2022 at 07:46 PM

BS

“ *Brad & Lou Ann Standard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith*



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**Brad & Lou Ann Standard** - July 20, 2022 at 07:31 PM

ED

“ *Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith*



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**Elaine Davis** - July 20, 2022 at 01:59 PM

DC

“ *David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith*



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**David and Jan Crow** - July 20, 2022 at 12:05 PM

CW

“ *Cyndi Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith*



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**Cyndi Walker** - July 20, 2022 at 11:33 AM

LG

“ *Linda Parker Gooding lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith*



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**Linda Parker Gooding** - July 20, 2022 at 08:12 AM

PP

“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith*



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**pud patterson** - July 20, 2022 at 07:46 AM

KL

“ *Karl Randy Lambeth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith*



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**Karl Randy Lambeth** - July 20, 2022 at 07:45 AM

MD

“ *Mary & Donny Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith*



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**Mary & Donny Davis** - July 20, 2022 at 06:38 AM

CG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Sending much love to you all!



Christi Smith Gardsbane - July 19, 2022 at 09:43 PM

DN

“ Donna Newman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith



Donna Newman - July 19, 2022 at 08:34 PM

NL

“ What a wonderful lady. I used to love running into her, when she and Ebb would be out. Always enjoyed catching up on the family. I well remember the family reunions with what seemed like a hundred people there.

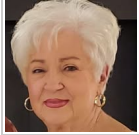
Norris Langford - July 19, 2022 at 04:29 PM

KH

“ Ken & Mollie Hale lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith



Ken & Mollie Hale - July 19, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ *Judy Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith*



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**Judy Jarrell** - July 19, 2022 at 01:44 PM



“ *Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith*



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**Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb** - July 19, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith*



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**Gary Wilkerson** - July 19, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *Carl & Diana Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Jones Smith*



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**Carl & Diana Smith** - July 19, 2022 at 11:02 AM