



Ester Virginia Benedict Smart
April 7, 1930 - February 12, 2022

Celebrating the Life of
Ester Virginia Benedict Smart
Friday, February 18, 2022 10:00 a.m.
First Baptist Church
Nome, Texas

Scripture Reading
Psalm 103:8-17

Welcome and Prayer
Don Richardson

“This is Amazing Grace”

Obituary
Pastor Trey Behn

Eulogy

“How Great is Our God”

Message
Pastor Trey Behn

“I Stand Amazed”



Ester Virginia Benedict Smart was born on April 7, 1930, and passed away Saturday, February 12, 2022.

She grew up in Crockett, Texas, and later met the love of her life, Donald Smart in Beaumont, Texas, while living at the YMCA to attend Secretarial School. A sweet gesture of an offered ride home would later create a happy marriage, 4 beautiful daughters, a thriving family business, and a legacy of grandchildren. Virginia loved

her home church of First Baptist Church of Nome almost as much as she loved her family and was a happy and proud member for more than 65 years. She passed on her love of Jesus to her daughters as well as to her grandchildren and would always quote an applicable Bible verse when you went to her with a worry or problem.

Besides loving her family and church, she loved antiques. She and Donnie would take vacations to search for a specific bowl or dish set and was happy to teach the grandkids about what the antiques were used for in her childhood; and she always brought them a souvenir from her adventures. She loved to tell stories of her life and siblings and show them the movies and books she enjoyed growing up. Virginia was extremely organized too. She would show you a picture and then the outfit from the picture that she still had in a trunk in a guest room. Additionally, she was so proud of her daughters. She kept their twirling and cheer outfits and some of their childhood toys to this day. She was also blessed with a green thumb. Her yard was beautiful, and she loved keeping it that way. Many an afternoon she could be found outside under a tree pulling weeds or planting flowers.

Virginia was a very special lady. Not only was she an excellent wife, mother, gardener, Christian, grandmother, daughter,

sister...she was also an excellent friend. She was blessed to have some of the same friends from her newlywed days to recent years and was a great listener and advice giver and was always there for her friends and family. And she loved to plan family events. For Christmas, she would insist on using real silverware and dishes even if there were 50 people attending. She wanted each event to be special and everyone to be included. She instilled traditions and values that will surely be carried on in future generations.

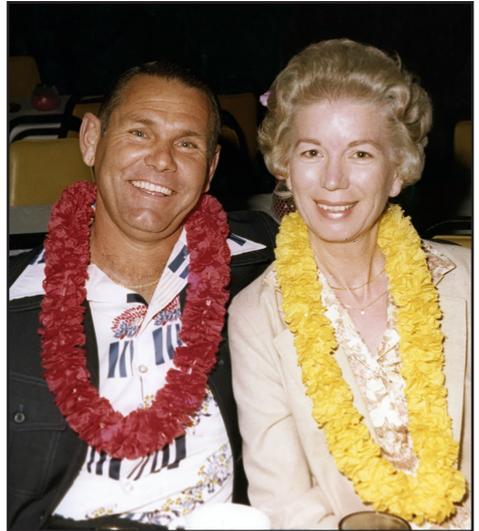
She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Willie Benedict of Crockett, Texas; brothers, Howard Benedict, John Benedict, Albert Benedict; and sister, Elizabeth Benedict; daughter, Judy Zavala and great-granddaughter, Adalyn Thibodeaux.

She is survived by her husband of 71 years Donald Smart of China, Texas; sister, Betty Michalski and nephew, Mark Livingston of Cedar Hill, Texas; grandson, Kevin Gilmore and wife, Shannon and their children Zach and Nick; grandson, David Gilmore and wife, Marla, and their son, Dawson; Kris Gilmore and his son's, Knox and Kason; son-in-law, Donald Zavala of Troup, Texas; daughter, Nancy Gore and husband, Alvis, of China, Texas; grandson, Donald Ferguson and wife, Arpita, and their children, Benjamin, Sammi, and Liam; grandson, Clint Ferguson and wife, Anne, and their children, Lucas and Malia; grandson, David Gore and wife, Teresa and children, Kyle and Andrew; daughter, Susan Grohn and husband, Stephen, of Beaumont, Texas; granddaughter, Stefanie Stallings and husband, Curtis, and their children, Micah, Katelyn, and Caleb; granddaughter, Sarah Smith and husband, Lane, and their children, Everett and Lincoln; granddaughter, Rebekah Grohn; daughter, Donna Thibodeaux Neves and husband, John, of Beaumont, Texas; granddaughter, Andria Frederiksen and husband, Erik, and their children, Ethan and Connor; grandson, Brandon Thibodeaux and wife, Erin, and their children, Aubrey and Grayson; grandson, Corey Thibodeaux and wife, Jade, and their son, Trace; granddaughter, Ericka Hoffpauir and husband, Levi, and children, Logan Roberts, Avalynn and Maverick; grandson, Lane Brittain and daughter, Collins; granddaughter, Madison Neves and daughter, Scarlett Ferreira; and granddaughter, Raylea Neves.

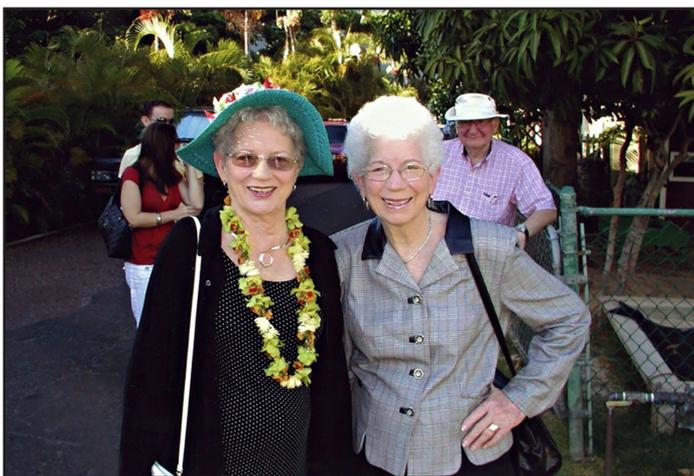














Pallbearers

Kerry Abney
Joe Broussard
John Griffin
Lane Henderson
Don Richardson
Bill Tindall

Interment

China Cemetery
China, Texas

Memorial Contributions

First Baptist Church
1985 Louisiana Street
Nome, Texas 77629



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