



Mary Alice Smith

January 12, 1943 - June 9, 2023

Mary Alyce Smith was born January 12, 1943 in Plattsburgh, New York to Melford Henry Bennett and Elizabeth Mary LaBombarde. She passed from this life to the next on June 9, 2023.

After the tragic and untimely deaths of her mother and father, Mary Alyce grew close to her Aunt, Hazel Gough, who became much like a mother to her as she navigated life's intricacies. One day while grocery shopping, she met a man named Franklin. Little did she know, he would change her life entirely. They fell in love and later got married, eventually moving to Kentucky where together they raised 3 amazing children. They cared for 8 grandchildren and 18 great grand children.

The love of Mary Alyce will be felt for generations to come. While her greatest devotion was to her family, her impact reached countless others through her love of teaching.

After completing her bachelors and masters degree in the same semester, Mary Alyce went right back into the classroom. For over 40 years, she taught children of all ages across several subjects. She was even nominated for Who's Who of educators. No matter the grade level, she made a point to instill more than just information from a text book. She challenged her students and equipped them for the real walk of life.

Spending time with her, you were guaranteed to either learn something you didn't know or to expand your knowledge on what you thought you knew. She cared greatly for her family and her students. The world is a much better place having known her.

Mary Alyce Smith was preceded in death by her grandparents, Thomas Murtagh and MaryAlice Anderson; her parents, Melford Henry Bennett and Elizabeth Mary LaBombarde; her Uncle, Lawrence LaBombarde; her Aunt, Helen Ashline; and her great-grandson, Wyatt Buroker.

She is survived by her husband, Franklin Dwight Smith; her Aunt, Hazel Gough; Her children, Joseph and Julie Smith, Penny Smith, and Elizabeth Jackson; her grandchildren, Thomas and Lisa Smith, Brittney Jackson, Amber Buroker, Justin and Jenni Smith, Joshua and Ali Montemayor, Samantha Buroker and Sean Taylor, Torey Talley, and Matthew and Lexus Antoine; and her 18 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, Mary Alyce would like donations to be made to your church of choice or to Cedar Valley Christian Center, 639 W Wintergreen Rd. Lancaster, TX, where her services will be held.

The family will receive friends from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at Byrum Funeral Home Chapel. A celebration of Mary's life will be at 10:00am on Friday, June 16, 2023 at Cedar Valley Christian Center in Lancaster with a private graveside at DFW National Cemetery at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cedar Valley Christian Center
639 W. Wintergreen Road
Lancaster, TX 75134

Tribute Wall

PD

“ *My mom always put her family first. She was devoted to all of us even when we messed up. God gave us the best mom to teach right from wrong, how to be kind, how to love unconditionally, how to unselfishly how stand up for ourselves & others, how to say I am sorry, to ask for forgiveness, how to walk away and think before we speak. She always encouraged us to follow the passion God has given us to the fullest. Don't self get in the way of achieving the best of what we can be!!!! Mom I will miss you everyday, I am still processing that are gone... my heart has a part missing. I know you are in Heaven with Jesus. I look forward to being reunited with when it's my time. I love you mom forever & more*
Penny poodlelinski

Penny her eldest daughter - June 16, 2023 at 07:48 PM

VW

“ *My prayer and deepest condolences to Penny Smith and family during your stages of grief. Versia Williams & family*

Versia Williams - June 15, 2023 at 10:23 PM

VW

“ *Versia W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mary Alice Smith.*



Versia W. - June 15, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Smith.*



June 15, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Smith.*



June 15, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ *My condolences to Elizabeth Jackson and family. I pray that God continues to give each of you strength during this difficult time.*

Michelle Williams ❤️



Michelle Williams - June 15, 2023 at 07:35 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Smith.*



June 14, 2023 at 04:07 PM

CB

“ I so appreciated Mary Alice and her husband and having the privelidge to visit with them as I was in the neighborhood. She was a very special person and cared deeply for her family. My prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time. Carol Burk

carol Strain Burk - June 14, 2023 at 12:16 PM

DA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I had the honor of knowing Mr. And Mrs. Smith for the past 8 years. To know her is to love her. Such a kind soul and she will be missed

Dana - June 13, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ Rose Impression Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Smith.



June 13, 2023 at 03:42 PM