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Bernice "Peggy" Bonner Smith

Funeral services for Bernice "Peggy" Bonner Smith will be held Wednesday, February 2, 2005 in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Burial will be in Center Cemetery, Harleton. Born to Will and Sudie Jane Huffman of Harleton, Texas, on October 5, 1910, Mrs. Smith lived in Harleton as a child and later graduated from Marshall High School in 1931.

After attending beauty school in Tyler, Texas, she launched her own beauty salon, Peggy's Beauty Shop at 310 E. Whaley, a business she operated for thirty-seven years.

In her community Mrs. Smith played an active role in area lodges, service organizations, and her church. She was a member of the Longview Rebekah Lodge, over the years serving as president, noble grand, past noble grand, secretary, and many other offices during her sixty-two year membership in this organization. In addition, she a member of the American Business Women's Association and earned the ABWA Woman of the Year award. Also, she was a member of the American Legion, the Moose Lodge, Senior Citizens, and the Woodmen of the World. For many years, she joined Mrs. James Johnson as a teacher of the three year olds at First Baptist Church. She and her husband, Weldon Bonner, had two children, W. R. Bonner and Jan Bonner Doerr. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Following Mr. Bonner's death, she moved to Lake Tawakoni and operated Barge Point Landing. Later, she married Jim Smith and retired at Point, Texas. After Mr. Smith's death, she returned to Longview and resumed her active role in the community as a part of various lodges and organizations.

Her ready smile, her friendliness, and her zest for life inspired all those who knew her. Her loving family includes her son, W. R. Bonner; her daughter, Jan Doerr; her three grandchildren, Sandi Araiza, Buddy Bonner, and Sam Doerr. "Nanny" as he was known to her family was the proud great-grandmother of four lovely girls, Caroline Araiza, Emily Araiza, Avery Jane Bonner, and Natalie Kate Bonner.

Her family requests that memorials be made to Greater Hospice of Texas, Inc., 1905 W. Loop 281 #81, Longview, Texas 75608.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 1, 2005.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Tommy, Jan & Sam: We are all very sorry to hear about Jan's mother. Please accept our deepest sympathy during this difficult time. We will continue to remember you in our thoughts & prayers. Calvin, Sheila, Chris, Crystal, & Jason ... Beau too##imported-begin##Chris Coufal##imported-end##

February 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jan .. Tommy, and Sam ... I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Nanny. I feel like part of the family too, and am really saddened about this ... Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. She was a special person, and will be missed by all that knew her ... My love to you all ... Elyse & Steve##imported-begin##Elyse McCoskey##imported-end##

February 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jan, I loved your Mother! She was a delight and I was always disappointed when she was not in her room to get to say a few words/chat. I'm sure that I did realize you were a Bonner but truthfully that had slipped my mind. It just seems I had always known and loved your Mother. I will miss her. May your happy Memories be a comfort to your hurt Heart. I will forever treasure my Memories of her, dear, dear Friend.##imported-begin##Milie Harper##imported-end##

January 31 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Jan, I will always remember your mother as a very special lady, and I know you will miss her greatly. Wish I had had the chance to get to know her better. David and I send our thoughts and prayers to you and Tommy and Sam. Fondly, Sarah##imported-begin##Sarah White##imported-end##

January 31 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Jan:Thanks for sharing the wonderful memories of your mother with me. What a wonderful tribute to what must have been a wonderful lady - you are so fortunate to have been so blessed.While I know you will miss her, just look back and remember the good times.Take care and see you back soon.Susan##imported-begin##Susan Berry##imported-end##

January 31 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Janet, Having moved far from Texas, I've developed the habit of reading the obituaries in the online versions of the Longview and Houston papers, hoping to be somewhat less out-of-it than I would be otherwise. While sad to see the notice regarding your mom, I had no idea she had lived to be 95. What a rich life! I just want you to know that I am thinking of you. I would love to hear from you and do some catching up on the last 35 years or so, dear heart.With love,Linda Fields Hargus##imported-begin##Linda Fields Hargus##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bernice by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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