



Olivian "Sis" Smith

January 13, 1919 - October 16, 2016

Olivian "Sis" Smith died on October 16, 2016 in California at the age of 97 years. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Hugh Wilson Cemetery in Tanglewood. Visitation will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Sis was born on January 13, 1919 and raised in the community of Tanglewood. She worked on the family farm and learned the art of cooking and sewing from an early age. She met her husband William "Bill" Smith as a local farmer and band violin player. They were married when Sis was 15 years old. Their wedding was held at the Reverend Bounds home, near Forest Grove Church, on March 10, 1934. After growing tomatoes during the depression, they moved to Houston where she cooked, sewed and raised their only son, Don. When her husband, Bill retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad, they moved to the Tanglewood community where they raised cattle, catfish and watermelon which were prized by the local raccoons. Sis canned fruit and vegetables and continued her sewing and baking.

They attended the Tanglewood Baptist Church then the Lexington Baptist Church where Bill sang in the choir and served as a deacon at both churches while Sis baked for potlucks and fund raisers. They enjoyed retirement in the Tanglewood community for 30 years before moving to Pleasanton, California

her last ten years to be near her son Don. Her husband Bill passed away nine years earlier.

She is survived by her son Don Smith and wife Barbara; as well as three grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Hugh Wilson Cemetery Association,
Attention: Barbara Wright, PO Box 93, Lexington, Texas 78947

Cemetery Details

Hugh Wilson Cemetery

1040 County Road 456
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

Public Visitation

NOV 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
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Graveside Service

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