



## Violet Maxine Smith

July 31, 1928 - December 22, 2020

On Tuesday, December 22, 2020, Violet Maxine Smith, age of 92 and beloved mother of two children, Pam, and Wade, closed her eyes for the last time here on earth and opened her eyes in heaven.

Violet was known to all as Mickey, a nickname given to her by her father. Mickey was born on July 31, 1928 in Athens, TX to Roy and Cora Belle Tanner. She and her family moved to Palestine, Texas where she graduated high school in 1945. On April 29, 1953, she married Wade L. Smith Jr. They moved to Rockdale, Texas in 1954 where they raised their two children, Pam, and Wade. Mickey worked many years in Rockdale as a Merle Norman beauty consultant and as the front desk clerk at the Kountry Inn Motel.

Mickey moved to Temple in 2006 where she lived in her home on North 7th Street until November 2017 when she moved to Mercy House, a memory care facility in Temple. The staff of Mercy House loved her like a member of their own family and took wonderful care of her until her death.

Mickey had a passion for gardening and watching the birds and squirrels in her back yard. She loved watching and feeding the birds and observing the squirrels steal food from the bird feeders. She especially loved and was so proud of the beautiful flowers in her landscape.

She had an infectious smile and was known to all for her playful attitude and generous, kind, and compassionate spirit.

Mickey was preceded in death by her husband Wade with whom she was married for 52 years until his death in 2006. She was also preceded in death by her parents Roy and Cora Belle Tanner, her sister Martha, and brothers Don and Harold. She is survived by her daughter Pam Carder along with husband Randy and sons Ben, Aaron, and his wife Meaghan. She is also survived by her son Wade and his son Garrett, daughter Kaylee Seale along with husband Southern and children Sofia and Southern.

A private graveside service will be held in the afternoon on Monday, December 28, 2020. Phillips and Luckey Funeral Directors of Rockdale, Tx are in charge of the interment. The Reverend Gary Baxley, Chaplain of the Amedisys Hospice Service, will preside at the graveside service.

# Cemetery Details

## I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Tribute Wall

SO

“ I remember when I was younger Mimi and Aunt Pam had houses right next to each other. One time we had Easter there and I remember running back and forth to the houses. I also remember Mimi's China drawer.

Sofia - May 17, 2023 at 02:33 PM

FK

“ My sympathy to the families of Mrs. Smith. I have fond memories of you guys from Scarbrough street.

Frances Clark Kyle

Fran Kyle - January 13, 2021 at 09:52 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Violet Maxine Smith.



December 28, 2020 at 04:35 PM

BF

“ *Mimi was one of a kind and a beautiful person. She will be deeply missed. We are so glad we got to visit last year from New York. Her smile was as bright as ever.* ”



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**Brian Fisher** - December 28, 2020 at 11:41 AM

BF

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album* ”



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**Brian Fisher** - December 28, 2020 at 11:39 AM

LW

“ *Lynn Fisher Weaver lit a candle in memory of Violet Maxine Smith* ”



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**Lynn Fisher Weaver** - December 28, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Violet Maxine Smith.*



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December 27, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ *Judy York lit a candle in memory of Violet Maxine Smith*



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**Judy York** - December 26, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy for the family. Mickie was always so nice and a beautiful lady.*

*I have such fond memories of her and Wade raising their family on Scarborough Street.*

*She will be greatly missed. Happy trails.*

*Barkley*

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**Barkley Alford** - December 26, 2020 at 08:02 AM

CB

“ *Wade and Pam,  
So sorry to hear about your sweet, beautiful mom. She was a sweet  
lady. We are praying for comfort during this difficult time. God Bless  
You.*

*Charles and Gaye*

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**charles and Gaye Bland** - December 25, 2020 at 07:29 PM