



Mary Beth Smith Underwood

September 11, 1951 - November 21, 2022

Mary Beth Smith Underwood was born September 11, 1951, in Ada, Ok to Elmer Harty Smith and Ruby Mae Large Smith. She went into the sweet arms of her savior on Monday, November 21, 2022, at the age of 71.

Mary Beth married the love of her life on June 26, 1969, in Durant, Ok. They have three sons: Michael, Gregg, and Robert. They also adopted and raised two grandchildren as their own: Michael Dale and Michelle. Mary Beth graduated from Durant High School. After getting her boys into elementary school she earned her degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She was still working as an aide to the special ed dept at Durant High School at the time of her passing.

Mary Beth was a faithful member of the South 14th St Church of Christ. Her faith in God helped her through the many trials she faced in this life. She often said that all she could do was to pray about those things she could not control. Her example of kindness, faith, selflessness, and love was an example to all those that knew and loved her.

Mary Beth's favorite holiday was Christmas. She loved everything about the season but especially loved decorating her home with lights, trees, and Santa's. She did her best to make Christmas as special as she could for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She always made her kids and grandkids their favorite pie for their Christmas dinner. She also loved

making fudge and for many, many years has made fudge for family, friends, and neighbors.

Mary Beth was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Mark, and her nephew Nathan Smith. She is survived by her husband Jimmy Underwood, children Michael Underwood of Durant, Gregg Underwood of Calera, Robert Underwood of Durant, Michael Dale Underwood and Tink of Austin, TX, Michelle Underwood of Durant, six grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, one brother J.R. Smith and wife Elizabeth of Mustang, OK, one sister Koleen Gibbins and husband Terry of Wylie, TX, many nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ.

She was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all those that knew her.

A Memorial service will be held at the Brown Funeral Home Chapel in Durant, Ok on Saturday, December 3rd at 10 am.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to assist with final expenses.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701

Tribute Wall

PS

“ I became acquainted with Mary when I taught at DMS. She was so easy to be around and very kind. She often spoke about Jimmy and her family and it was obvious her love for them. I enjoyed seeing her pictures of her Christmas decor and her joy in the collection! She will be remembered fondly.

Paula Sullivan - April 22, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ Mary Beth Smith Underwood

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM

RP

“ Mary Beth blessed all who knew her. She certainly will be missed. Our prayers are with Jimmy and all the family.
Rocky Powers

Rocky Powers - December 01, 2022 at 11:29 PM

LW

“ Jimmy and family I'm so very sorry for your loss. I still can't believe it. God bless you and yours. 🙏🙏

Linda Westbrook - November 28, 2022 at 07:52 PM

AR

“ Mary Beth loved her family and posted on Facebook her many stories of her grandchildren and children. She was faithful to pray for those who had loss or illness. She is missed. Prayers for Jimmy and all her family.

Ann Rose - November 28, 2022 at 11:31 AM

DM

I worked with her at middle school, always loved seeing her smile and our conversations. Sending prayer for comfort and strength to her family. So sorry I won't be able to go to celebration of life, I will be going to my Brother in laws in Bartlesville. 🥺💛 See you in our next life.....Dianna M.

Dianna Mosley - November 28, 2022 at 11:41 AM

LG

I still can't get over the loss of Mary Beth, she was a sweet lady and friend. I will miss her! Prayers for Jimmy and the rest of the family.

Leigh Ann Grace - November 28, 2022 at 03:59 PM

DS

So sorry to hear of her passing. I worked with Mary Beth at REL years ago. She was always so kind and would do anything to help anyone. Prayers for her family.

deirdre Schreiee - November 28, 2022 at 06:38 PM

CC

I remember such a sweet lady! So kind!

Connie Carr - November 28, 2022 at 06:58 PM

LP

A very special lady that loved all, family and friends always positive. She will be missed!

Linda Pearson - November 28, 2022 at 09:43 PM

KM

I am so sorry for your loss. I was in and out of Durant during junior high and she was always friendly to me.
Kay Russell Martin

Kay Russell Martin - November 29, 2022 at 02:33 PM

BS

Jimmy may GOD be with you and your family> Mary Beth was a very special person. She will be missed by her family and classmates. Go rest high on that mountain. Billy Shans

Billy Shans - December 08, 2022 at 10:13 PM