



Evelyn Joy Smiley, MD

November 30, 1932 - November 24, 2023

Evelyn Joy King Smiley passed away peacefully at home on November 24, 2023 from complications of metastatic colon cancer. She was born in Ralls, TX on November 30, 1932, the 3rd daughter of John Coleman (Ted) King and Emma Daniel King. The family moved to Levelland, TX early in 1936, and Evelyn subsequently graduated valedictorian of Levelland High School in May 1950. She did pre-med studies at Texas Tech College and the University of Houston before entering medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, TX. After graduating in 1957, she completed a rotating internship at the George Washington University in Washington, DC and moved to San Francisco, CA in 1958. She worked in Oakland, CA as a General Practitioner in the very early days of the Kaiser-Permanente Hospital. In 1962, her family moved to Lamesa, TX where she practiced as General Practitioner at the Medical Arts Clinic and Medical Arts Hospital from 1962 to 1990. During this time, she delivered over 5000 babies and answered tens of thousands of after hours calls. Following her private practice years, Dr. Evelyn worked with the South Plains Rural Health Clinic in Lamesa until May of 2007 when she took a leave of absence for family illness. When she retired at age 75, she had practiced medicine for over 50 years. She was a career-long member of the American Medical Association, a delegate to the Texas Medical Association, and a member of the American Academy of Family Practice. She served as the Medical Director of the public health department for five counties for many years and mentored numerous medical preceptors

through the AAFP to support development of future members of the medical community.

Evelyn married David Neil Smiley on January 30, 1953 in Houston, TX. David was also a physician, and they had 5 children together: Dr. Samuel Neil Smiley (Roberta) of Houston, TX; Susan Emma Smiley, chemical engineer-retired of Austin, TX; Dr. Sarah Imogene Smiley (Andrew Donnelly) of Austin, TX; Stephen Ted Smiley (Stacey), civil engineer of Cedar Park, TX; and Sandra Rebecca Smiley, deceased in childhood. Dr. Evelyn and Dr. David lived in Mill Valley, CA while he worked in the US Public Health Service at the Presidio, and both of them loved the natural beauty of the San Francisco Bay area and the temperate climate. She was delighted to find she had no allergies for the years they lived there. Both of them thought these years were the happiest of their married life with limited call schedules and 9-to-5 working hours, giving them more time with children and to explore the West Coast. They left California to return home to West Texas so their children would be able to grow up around their extended families.

After struggling with dementia, Dr. David passed away in 2009. Dr. Evelyn sold her home in Lamesa in 2014 and moved to Austin to be near her children and grandchildren. She was a life-long, faithful member of the Church of Christ and a regular contributor to African Christian Hospitals and other Christian charities. She is survived by 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren as well as 3 sisters (Nancy Carr of Levelland, Ruth Bird Byrne of Levelland, and Kay Houston (Richard) of Morton), 1 brother (Benn Stanley King of Beulah, CO), and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, youngest daughter, and older sister, Mary Nell Baggett Denny.

A visitation will be held in Levelland, TX, on Friday, December 1, 2023 at 6-8 pm at Krestridge Funeral Home followed by a graveside service with Sanders Funeral Home in Lubbock, TX on December 2, 2023. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center or the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston ([UTMB.edu/giving/give-](https://www.utmb.edu/giving/give-)

now).

Cemetery Details

City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Krestridge Funeral Home
505 Austin St
Levelland, TX 79336
(806) 897-1111

Graveside Service

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

City of Lubbock Cemetery
2011 E 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. Dr. Evelyn was a special person and doctor. When we lived in Lamesa, she was my doctor. She would listen to you!! My mother continued to seek her medical guidance even after we moved to Lubbock. Blessings on you all!

Amy Anderson Baldrige - December 02, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Evelyn Joy Smiley, MD.

December 01, 2023 at 06:09 PM

JF

“ Jan, Judy, Toby and families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Evelyn Joy Smiley, MD.



Jan, Judy, Toby and families - November 30, 2023 at 12:59 PM

JF

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Jan, Judy, Toby and families - November 30, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Joy Smiley, MD.*



November 30, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Evelyn Joy Smiley, MD.*



November 29, 2023 at 08:45 PM



“ *Houston Smileys purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Evelyn Joy Smiley, MD.*



Houston Smileys - November 28, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *Houston Smileys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn Joy Smiley, MD.*

Houston Smileys - November 28, 2023 at 10:49 AM

JW

“ Dr. Smiley listened to her patients. Although I generally had to wait to see her I never minded because I knew she would take just as much time with me. The world was a better place because of her.
Jan Cozart Winfrey

Jan Cozart Winfrey - November 28, 2023 at 12:11 AM

SF

“ Evelyn was like a second mother, she was a great mentor, friend, & most of all a strong Christian woman. She let her light shine for all to see. RIP, love to all the family!

Stacy Fletcher - November 27, 2023 at 11:02 PM

MR

“ I knew Dr. Smiley both of them as a child and when I was 18, I worked for them at Medical Arts Clinic and then I worked with her at the South plains clinic. She was a great doctor and a very pleasant woman who loved to talk. I enjoyed working with her and knowing her. She knew all my family. She will be greatly missed. She was wonderful person. One of best doctors ever. I am glad I knew her. Dr. Evelyn J. Smiley a great woman and doctor. My condolences to her family my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Margaret Rodriguez - November 27, 2023 at 10:59 PM

DD

“ Dr. Evelyn was not only our Doctor, she was a friend. I also was her hairdresser...every Friday at 9am. She slept in my chair while having her hair put in rollers and under the dryer. Busy, busy lady. Lovely person...She will be missed.

Dana Deering - November 27, 2023 at 10:37 PM

CN

“ WORKED WITH THIS LADY TIL SHE MOVED.WE LOVED OUR DRS.THEY WERE A GREAT BU.NCH

Calene norris - November 27, 2023 at 09:46 PM

JC

“ I worked with Dr Evelyn Smiley and with her husband Dr. David Smiley in Lamesa during my time at Medical Arts Hospital from 1981- 1995. It was pleasure to have worked with them and both were very pleasant to work with. Dr E was a Doctor who would always give you time to talk even though she had a very busy schedule. She will be missed by everyone who knew her and worked with her. RiP



Jamie Casillas - November 27, 2023 at 09:40 PM

DA

Dr Evelyn was my doctor as a child and as I grew up she continued to be my doctor. She also delivered my baby! She was a great person as well as a great doctor! When she moved from Lamesa, Lamesa lost a very good doctor and she was missed very much! Prayers for her family!

Donna Harris Applewhite - November 28, 2023 at 02:20 AM