



Janell Smith

June 24, 1950 - December 15, 2021

Janell Smith, 71, of Idalou, Texas entered the arms of Jesus on December 15, 2021. Janell was born June 24, 1950, in Jacksonville, TX to Nelwyn Sherman. A love of a lifetime began in 1968 between a high school senior and a handsome sailor. Following several rides in a 1965 Mustang and a series of letter-writing for several years, this true love affair was solidified. On Friday, January 22nd, 1971 "Sissie" and "Scratch" were wed in a small ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Petersburg, Texas. James DeWitt Smith and Betty Janell Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2021.

Janell's education included graduating from San Benito High School in 1968 and immediately entering the Lubbock School of Vocational Nurses program graduating with her degree as a Licensed Vocational Nurse on Friday, August 29th, 1969 as part of the 37th class. Janell sacrificed pursuing her education to raise her four children. In 1998 those four adult children along with their father and many other family members proudly witnessed Janell graduate from the Methodist School of Nursing with the well-earned title of Registered Nurse. Janell saw many changes during her 40 years of service at Methodist/Covenant Hospital. Throughout her time she worked in MICU, SICU, and found her home within the Dialysis unit. The way Janell would speak to and treat her patients was a true radiance of her love for Jesus Christ. Janell was the kind of nurse that would take care of her patients as if they were her very own family. Janell's favorite places to be were on South Padre Island, sipping a cup of coffee with James on their back porch or

attending any event that one of her 13 grandchildren was competing in.

Janell leaves behind her husband and best friend, James Smith; one son, Dan Smith and wife Rose Smith; eldest daughter Dawn Vandygriff and husband Philip Vandygriff of Snyder; middle daughter and co-worker of 20 years Anne Galicia and husband Robert Galicia of Lubbock; and her sweet baby daughter Alexa Pacheco of Lubbock and husband Moses Pacheco of Lubbock. Sisters Laura Anciso and Kathleen Davis of Idalou and brother Cliff Ladd of Lubbock. Janell was preceded in death by her parents Nell and Red Ladd, eldest brother Rusty Ladd and her "baby" brother David Ladd.

Being a Nanny was one of Janell's greatest joys in life. Janell took absolute pride in watching her grandsons play football, baseball, basketball, or soccer, attending her granddaughter's dance recitals, or simply enjoying one another's company at a tea party. Traveling far and wide to catch as many games as possible! From the court to the stage, Nanny always had her camera ready and a bouquet of beautiful flowers for her favorite dancers. Whether it be academics or sports Nanny loved every second of watching her grandchildren succeed.

Memories of Nanny will be held in the hearts of her grandchildren:

Stephen and Stephanie Smith of Lubbock

Zane and Talon Vandygriff of Snyder

Robert, Summer Hinojos, Syi, Seth and Shiloh Galicia of Lubbock

Zariah, Journey, River, and Storie Pacheco of Lubbock

Ava Rosalas of Lubbock and one great-grandchild, Olivia Hinojos of Lubbock

Janell also leaves behind her dearest friend and confidant of 26 ½ beautiful years, Juile Bell of Lubbock.

Janell was passionate about her family, nursing career, and her love for Jesus Christ. Scriptures found in her wedding bible included, 1 Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Memorial gifts can be made to the Covenant Health Foundation for the Covenant Cares Fund at 3615 19th Street, Lubbock, TX 79410.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests house plants as a symbol of the love Janell and James shared for planting and chatting on the porch together.

A celebration of Janell's beautiful life will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at Victory Life Church in Lubbock, Texas. Pastor Ben Reid of Snyder First Baptist Church will officiate. Please celebrate the life of Janell by visiting www.sandersfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Victory Life Church
12401 Slide Road
Lubbock, TX 79424

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Life Celebration of Janell Smith in memory of Janell Smith



Sanders Funeral Home - December 23, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janell Smith



Sanders Funeral Home - December 23, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janell Smith.



December 21, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Janell Smith.



December 21, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Janell Smith.



December 21, 2021 at 11:30 AM

JM

“ How do you share ONE memory of someone you've known for over 50 years! Janell was more than a sister-in-law. She was my sister-in-love, my friend, my confidant and one of the most loving, beautiful women I have know. She helped me through the death of my own Mother as we made plans for what she would wear for her funeral day. Janell wanted to make sure my Mother had a chance to take part in choosing her dress and jewelry and if she wanted to wear her glasses. Always thinking of others and their feelings. She was there for me with a listening ear many times over the years and her advice was priceless. My fondest memories of course are the days when we lived in South Texas and it was vacation time. We would wait for hours and hours for them to arrive from West Texas wondering what on earth was taking so long! Sometimes it was that Janell wanted to stop at all the memorial plaques along the way (and actual read them) or they stopped at a road side park for a picnic or just to see something they hadn't seen before. She just wanted to enjoy the ride with her family and sometimes a dog. Not much could get her up early in the mornings on those vacations. BUT when it was beach day she was ready to go before day light to get there in time to watch the sun rise. I think it was her most favorite time at South Padre Island. And then we would get all our kids together for a tuna fish sandwich lunch and the root beer burping contest. Always a smile. Always an encouraging word. Always there when you needed her. Sending love and prayers to the family as we will be unable to attend Janell's celebration service. What a glorious day that will be!
JoAnn and Jesse Madaffari



JoAnn Madaffari - December 21, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Janell Smith.*



December 21, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Janell Smith.*



December 21, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *Before we were wives, moms, aunts, or grand moms, we were sisters! That bond is strong and has only gotten stronger as we went about living our lives and raising our families! Janell, you live on in the hearts of many! Our lives will never be quite the same but we will care for each other, just as you would have us do! We celebrate your earthly life and look forward to reuniting with all that awaits up in Heaven! Xoxoxoxox*



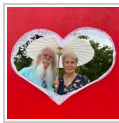
Laura Anciso - December 21, 2021 at 08:07 AM

DA

“ *Our last Christmas with her. We never thought she wouldn't be her with us this year. We love you mom!* ”



Dawn - December 20, 2021 at 11:34 PM



“ *She certainly LOVED Christmas and being with family during the holidays. She made it so special for everyone. We always received a Christmas card from her every year (Thanksgiving cards too).* ”

JoAnn Madaffari - December 21, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janell Smith.* ”



December 20, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janell Smith.* ”



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“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Janell Smith.



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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Janell Smith.



December 20, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Janell Smith.



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“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janell Smith.



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Janell Smith.



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“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Janell Smith.



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