

## Smith, Judy Kay (Brown) | 1946-2017

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Judy Kay Brown Smith

Judy Kay Brown Smith, 71, of Decatur, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2017.

Funeral was Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur with burial in Oaklawn Cemetery. Pallbearers were nephews Matt Brown, Thomas Burkhardt, Larry Woods, Scott Thomson, Jonathan Mason and Chris Fraker.

Honorary pallbearers were nephews Mark Brown, Monte Smith and Rory Smith.

Judy was part of the founding families of Wise County and a longtime resident of Decatur. She was born July 17, 1946. She graduated from Decatur High School in 1964, and after meeting her future husband Alton L. Smith at the Whispering Wheels skating rink, married him April 30, 1966, in her parents' home. Later Judy and Al had two children. They returned in 1980 to make Decatur their family's home. Judy eventually retired from the state of Texas. When she wasn't crocheting or making sure every single person around her had food in their belly, she shopped the aisles of Wal-Mart, always on the hunt for a bargain or some town gossip.

Throughout her life, she loved this town and the people in it, leaving us with the sincerest gratitude to have been a member of it.

She is preceded in death by her father Lawrence Brown, a member of the famed Lost Battalion; and her mother Marjorie Buchanan Brown of the Buchanan dairy family.

Judy is survived by her loving husband of over 51 years; daughter Shannon Smith Green of Lake Bridgeport; son Sean Smith and his husband, Carter Covington, of Los Angeles, Calif.; granddaughter Hailey Green; grandson Cormac Covington-Smith; brother Pat Brown and wife, Jenny, of Plano; and many adoring extended family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make charitable donations in her name to the Wise Hope Crisis Center and Solaris Hospice.