



Rebecca Darden

July 13, 1955 - October 6, 2025

Rebecca Darden (Smith) transitioned to heavenly peace on Monday, October 6, 2025 in Spring, Texas surrounded by loved ones. She was born and raised in Temple, Texas, where she gave her life to Christ at an early age. Rebecca spent much of her adult life in Houston, Texas, raised a family and dedicated nearly 30 years of service to the U.S. Postal Service. Please join us in honoring her legacy at services both in Houston and Temple where Rebecca will be laid to rest. Details are below.

Rebecca Kay Smith was born on July 13, 1955 to the late Sergeant William Louis Smith and Jerline Venable Smith in Fort Hood, Texas. She was brought up in the Christian faith in her hometown of Temple, TX, where her spirit was shaped by love and service to others.

She graduated from Temple High School in 1974, overcoming life's obstacles with grace and perseverance. She loved music and found joy in playing the clarinet. In 1977, she married Samuel Curtis Darden, and together they raised a family in Houston, TX. Rebecca dedicated 29 years to the United States Postal Service before retiring in 2009, touching countless lives along the way.

Affectionately known as "Bec'Kay" to her family and "Becky" to her friends, she had a gift for positively influencing and uplifting everyone who crossed her path. She loved reading, attending musical concerts, talking smack with the

best of them, and diving deep into discussions about historical and current events. While she loved to get up and go, nothing brought her more joy than spending time with her three children and eleven grandchildren, whom she absolutely adored.

Rebecca is preceded in death by her husband, Samuel, her parents, and her brothers William Bryan Smith, Bobby Ray Smith, and Elmer Venable.

Her beautiful legacy lives on through her son, Quentin L. Smith (Lisa); her daughters Denetria L. Phlegm (Charles) and Qiana S. Compton (Joe); her siblings Phyllis J. Shelton (Derold), Harland D. Smith, and Thomas K. Smith; and her cherished grandchildren Quenisha, Quency, Quentayshea, Ariana, Jazmine, Austin, Trinity, Jacob, Eldridge, Quionne, and Allison Kay. She is also survived by three great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family who all loved her dearly.

Bec'Kay's warmth, laughter, and generous heart will be forever remembered by all who knew and loved her.

"A joyful heart is good medicine, and a cheerful mind works healing." -
Proverbs 17:22

Cemetery Details

Temple Garden of Memories

8101 Old Highway 81
Temple, TX 76501
<https://www.templecemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 10. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

The Church at Jersey Village
16518 Northwest Freeway
Jersey Village, TX 77040

Funeral Service

OCT 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

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16518 Northwest Freeway
Jersey Village, TX 77040

Burial will immediately follow in Temple, Tx.

Tribute Wall

RD

“ Richard Darden purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rebecca Darden.



Richard Darden - October 12, 2025 at 06:06 PM

MF

“ Maybin- Mitchell Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rebecca Darden.



Maybin- Mitchell Family - October 09, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rebecca Darden.



October 09, 2025 at 04:29 PM

JL

“ JV Journey LG purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rebecca Darden.



JV Journey LG - October 09, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rebecca Darden.*



October 09, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rebecca Darden.*



October 08, 2025 at 10:23 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family of Rebecca. We were classmates while attending school in Temple, TX. She was smart, very quiet and friendly. Each year I looked forward to having her in my class while in elementary school. We lost touch as we entered high school but I am happy that we were close in our younger years. The lord has truly gained another angel. Praying for the family and may God be with you always.*

  *Pamala Moore Pennington*

Pamala Moore Pennington - October 08, 2025 at 09:20 PM

TA

“ *Team Ares purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rebecca Darden.*



Team Ares - October 08, 2025 at 12:03 PM

WL

“ *With Love, Aaron & Stephanie Little purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Rebecca Darden.*



With Love, Aaron & Stephanie Little - October 08, 2025 at 10:46 AM

TF

“ *So sorry your loss sending prayers to you anf your family.*

Terri Moultry and Family - October 07, 2025 at 09:22 PM

EJ

“ *Sending my condolences to the family 🙏🙏
prayers for you Kevin Smith*



Emma Jackson - October 07, 2025 at 03:08 AM