



## Maggie Smith

October 19, 1913 - August 7, 2006

Maggie Aldridge Smith, 92 year-old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died August 7, 2006, at Grace Living Center, Jenks, Oklahoma. Born October 19, 1913 in Conowa, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of William I. Aldridge and Doriece Chastain Aldridge. She was a schoolteacher and homemaker and lived in the Siloam Springs area since 1960 moving to the area from Kansas City, Missouri. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs, the Women's Missionary Association, Pen Women, DAR, Benton County Historical Society, the Poets Round Table of Oklahoma and Arkansas, the AARP, and was an author and poet and genealogist and local historian. She married Melvin Smith on January 8, 1933 in Chandler, Oklahoma. Maggie was the great granddaughter of Simon Sager (the pioneer settler of Hico Township now know as Siloam Springs). She was preceded in death by her husband; one sister, Alma Mitchell; and one brother, Leon Smith.

Survivors include one son, Trevor Smith of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; two daughters, Sally McNulty of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Patricia Buchanan of Atlanta, Georgia; three sisters, Mattie Brady of Ada, Oklahoma, Marie Chiara of Long Beach, California, Elsie D. Burge of San Diego, California; eight grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 9, 2006, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Dr. Steve Abbot officiating. Burial will follow at Fairmount Cemetery, near Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Visitation will be 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2006, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam

Springs, Arkansas.

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ *My family has know Maggie for many years. She was a blessing to all who knew her and will be missed by many.*

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**Jan Little** - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

KS

“ *Aunt Maggie was a wonderful role model and a real blessing in my life. Even though we have never lived close to each other she always made a point to keep in touch. She always had a story about me or someone in our family to share with me when I talked to her. My fondest memory of her was when my husband was in the Army, stationed At Ft. Riley, Kansas. We went and stayed with she and Uncle Mel for the weekend. She made us feel so welcome. She gave me a silver plated berry spoon that I still use and think of her when I do. That was 45 years ago. Her love for the Lord was so contagious. It's wonderful to know she is home with her Lord Jesus. May the Lord comfort you Sally and Treavor, as I know you will miss her greatly.*

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**Karen Lowery Stopher** - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

LG

“ I just wanted to tell the family of Maggie how very sorry everyone is to hear of her passing. I did not know her well, but wrote to her for family history information of which she responded to immediately. She was a wealth of information and a wonderfully nice person and will be missed by lots of people I am sure. She made an impression on a lot of people.

When my Siloam paper arrived the other day, I was so hurt to hear of her passing and thought I should write a note here. You all are in our thoughts and prayers and know that she is in a better place now. Our deepest Sympathy.

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**Linda J. Gassen** - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

DC

“ I didn't really get to know her as well as I would have liked since I moved to Siloam just a few years ago, but I really enjoyed visiting with her. She was a gold mine of information about Doug and his family and Siloam Springs. Doug and she would visit about their relatives as I was entertained. I love her organ as well.

She will be missed. I hope that someone can get all of her years of work and make a book.

Our prayers are with you.

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**Doug and Tammy Chastain** - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

JJ

“ Aunt Maggie was one of my favorite aunts. She always made us feel at home when we went to visit. We will miss her and the cards she sent us.

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**jim** - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

GP

“ To the family of Maggie,  
We should all live by the example of Maggie's life. Missed in life but  
welcomed in Heaven. A dear and wonderful lady!  
God Bless you,  
Gary & Kelly Pelz

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**Gary & Kelly Pelz** - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

BH

“ To know Maggie was to love her. Her contagious personality would  
grab you and pull you in. She will be missed by all those who were  
fortunate enough to have know her.

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**Billie Joe Hammers** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

SH

“ Dear Sally and Trevor,  
How fortunate you 'unrelated twins' are to have been raised in such  
an optimistic family. Your mother's life was overflowing with laughter,  
music, and stories (including dozens of historical anecdotes).  
Needless to say, you were well loved.  
You'll miss your mother, but will have lots and lots of wonderful  
memories!  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Love,  
Glenda

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**Sally Nichols Hensley** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

DW

“ A dear friend of the family. Mother enjoyed Maggie's letters and Poems even after she went to Jenks. I know she was ready to leave this ole earth and was given such support by her letters, optimistic outlook, and recent poem about going to heaven. She had a long and fruitful life. We lend our support to the family at this time. Much love from our family to yours.  
Betty Nevills

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**Dr. Greg and Gail Walters** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

RH

“ I too have many memories of Maggie. I first got acquainted with her by way of the Benton County Historical Society and the Siloam Springs Museum Society and Mrs. Sabra Davis in about 1972. She devoted many enjoyed hours to those organizations, as well as the Siloam Spgs Centennial Commission which we both served on. I followed her as Editor of the Benton County PIONEER. She was always ready to offer a suggestion or idea or word of encouragement. She will be missed

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**Roger Huff** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

DD

“ Hello --

*We just wanted to let you all know that we are thinking of you. Our families (Cundiff's and the Kennedy's) are very thankful of our friendship with Maggie, Trevor, & Sally throughout these many years. What would SS,AR history be without Maggie and her wonderful books (many of which we have in our SS, AR memorabilia collection). One of our prized possessions is a History (Vol. 1) book that Maggie wrote and gave to my Dad.*

*Thanks for all the wonderful memories ----*

*Don and Lucy*

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**Don and Peggy Dorsey** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

PM

“ *Aunt Maggie was the best aunt anyone could have. She always welcomed our family into her home anytime we visited her in Siloam Springs. She was an inspiratioin to us because of her zest for liviing, her unfailing faith in our Lord Jesus and her love of family. We wanted so be there for her funeral but our own health problems prevented that. Please know Sally and Trevor that our thoughts and our prayers are with you.*

*Love, Paul and Madge*

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**Paul & Madge Mitchell** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

MF

“ Maggie was one-of-a-kind. A great lady and a great role-model for people of all ages. She gave lots of good advise as a writer of History and I will miss her a lot.

Thanks for everything Maggie!

Mike

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**Mike Freels** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

FT

“ I meet Maggie at the First Baptist Church right after we moved to Siloam Springs. I feel in love with her instantly. She came to be like a second grandmother to me and took me to the War Eagle Fair when it was still "small". We spent the whole day there and it was the best time I had had since moving to Siloam. I would offen drop by her house just to say hi. It didn't matter how busy she was, she took the time to chat with me. She even encouraged me to write more poetry. She was a very talented and giving person and encouraged so many young people to write, draw etc. She would say, "you can do it, I know you can." I will always have loving memories of Maggie.

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**Frank and Carolyn Trammell** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

LW

“ Aunt Maggie was the daughter of William Isaac Aldridge and Effie Dorice Chastain. She was always smiling and singing praises to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A very talented woman who could play the piano by ear and did geneology research before it became the in thing, and before computers. She and her sisters and brother were a tight knit group and even though distance seperated them they maintained a closeness rare in families. She has left a treasure trove of memories.

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**Linda Kathleen Brady Williams** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM