



## Peggi Virginia Smothermon

November 11, 1948 - August 14, 2023

Peggi Virginia Sterling Adair Smothermon was born November 11, 1948, and was a born teacher and educator. For 42 years she was a teacher, starting out in Richardson ISD and then continuing in Coppell ISD. Nothing made her happier than having her students succeed by overcoming obstacles and learning new things. One of her greatest joys was being able to teach alongside her former students.

She met her husband, Bill, in 1980 when they were both members of the Highland Park FUMC bowling league. They married the next year on June 20th and moved to Coppell that same year after building their dream home.

She was proudest of her children; Kirsten Adair-Woodruff, a music teacher and educator with Irving ISD, Melinda "Mindy" Helsley, Assistant Chief for Municipal Prosecution at the City of Dallas, and William "Trey" Smothermon, a paramedic with The Colony ER Hospital.

Her grandsons, Jamie Woodruff and Joshua Helsley, brought her many smiles. When she retired from teaching, she often said that she was not retired, she was a full-time grandma. She was also enjoying getting to know her two granddaughters, Lily and Marii Woodruff.

Peggi had a servant's heart. As a member of the Coppell Lions Club she participated in many projects that made her community a better and happier place. She served as Club Secretary beginning in 2016 when her daughter Mindy became Club President and asked her mother to take on this demanding role. She would eventually add the role of District Secretary helping North Texas Lions.

She and her husband, Bill, worked together on many Lions projects in Coppell and around Texas, including the Mobile Food Pantry, Build a Bed, Annual Food and Toy Drive, and Texas Lions Camp. She retired from teaching so that she could be with him when he served as Governor of Lions District 2-X1 as his constant companion, inspiration and helper in doing all things Lion. She was a shining example of what it means to be in service to others.

Peggi was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Coppell and loved singing in the Choir, ringing in the handbell ensemble, participating in the All Comers Sunday School Class, and working with the Sack Summer Hunger and Backpack Programs. She is a true believer in Christ's message to serve others.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ann and Kiel Sterling, and her first husband, James Adair. She leaves behind her husband, Bill Smothermon, her three children: Kirsten and husband, Rod; Mindy and husband, Jeff; Trey and fiancée, Wendy; her four grandchildren: Jamie, Joshua, Lily, and Marii; her sister: Patsy Watson and husband, Bill; and her beloved cat, Josie. All will deeply miss her smile and warm embrace.

# Upcoming Events

## Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Coppell  
420 S Hertz Road  
TX 75019