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Nancy Solheim Smith, beloved sister, mother and grandmother, passed away on December 31, 2010 six months after heart valve replacement surgery. Nancy raised her family in Alvin, moving to Pearland in 1981. She is survived by her brother, Peter Solheim; three daughters, Karen Taylor, Gretchen Perez and Christine Smith; and six grandchildren. Her grandchildren were her focus along with traveling with family and friends. One of her joys was playing cards with her friends and going to the movies. Years ago, Nancy combined two of her favorite things and started taking her grandchildren on Elderhostel trips as soon as they came of age. She spent summers in Colorado to be close to her youngest grandchildren and her daughter and son-in-law. Nancy took her family camping as a young mother, and after her divorce started traveling extensively. She traveled to Europe, Russia, South America, and around the United States; visiting from the "Top of the World" in Nordcappe, Norway to the "End of the World" in Ushuia, Argentina. Retired from teaching, Nancy was the director of Adult Basic Education at the College of the Mainland. Some of her personal and professional accomplishments include: helping start the Alvin Community Health Endeavor (ACHE) and the Presbyterian and Lutheran School (PALS) providing Kindergarten and primary education, organizing opportunities for children to attend summer camp providing clothing and items needed, establishing a nighttime diploma-based high school in Hitchcock ISD for people who could not attend traditional high school, and shared every day kindnesses such as Easter baskets for needy children. Nancy's family and friends will carry her with them with fondness and respect.



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