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Earl Smith Obituary

Earl W. Smith, 84, of Elyria, died May 18, 2015 at his home. He was born October 27, 1930 in Elyria, where he attended Elyria High School. Earl served with the U.S. Navy from 1948 to 1952 and was stationed in Korea during the Korean Conflict. For nine years, he worked as a police officer with the Elyria Police Department and then in the family floor covering business. From 1974 until retiring in 1997, he was employed in the maintenance department at University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center. After retiring, he continued to work part time at the hospital for several years. He was a lifetime member of Elyria AMVETS #32 and Oberlin V.F.W. #6273 and a member of Elyria American Legion #12. Earl is survived by his wife of 61 years, JoAnn (nee Bally); children Jeffrey (Jessie) Smith of Yulee, FL, Becky Remo of Elyria, Cathy Jo (Larry) Plas of Elyria, Richard (Peggy) Smith of New London and William (Laurie) Smith of Mt. Washington, KY; 16 grandchildren and 4 great granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his parents Ted and Leona Smith. Friends will be received Wednesday, May 20, 2014 from 4 to 8 P.M. at Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 323 Middle Ave., Elyria. A service will be Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. in the funeral home with Reverend Paul E. Jaster officiating. Burial will be Friday, May 22, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. at Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst Township, where Elyria AMVETS #32 will present military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301 Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 or a charity of choice. For online condolences, visit www.dickenfuneralhome.com

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RP

Rose Palmer posted:

I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. Rev.21:1-5

May 29 at 8:00 PM

JC

Jim Conway posted:

Bill, Sorry for your loss. I lost my father about 25 years ago. It seems they are taken for granted and never appreciated by us until they are gone. My prayers will be with you and your siblings. Jim

May 20 at 8:00 PM

MK

Marilyn And Leo Kenzik posted:

Our thought and prayers go out to the Smith family. Our deepest sympathy.

May 20 at 8:00 PM

JP

Judy Peak posted:

I didn't spend a whole lot of time with Mr. Smith, but I will always remember him with a ready smile on his face. How he was my partner in cards and we got to 100 first. But unfortunately is was - 100! But, he was a great sport about it. I will miss playing Uno with him and him calling the color "Boo." I will also miss seeing him as I drove by the house. I would see him sitting in the garage or working in the front yard or taking out the trash cans, or moving his truck. I want Mrs. Smith to know that if she needs anything at all, I am a short drive away and all she has to do is call. My heart goes out to the entire Smith and Bally family at this time of great loss.

May 20 at 8:00 PM

JJ

Jill Janson posted:

Aunt JoAnn and Family, I just learned of Uncle Earl's passing and so wish I could have come. Sending my heart-felt condolences and much love to all. Jill

May 19 at 8:00 PM



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EA

Ed And Anne, Witt And Stefany Abahazi posted:

To all the Smith Family, We are saddened and will keep all in our prayers for the loss of your dad. He was a fun person to be around, always had a beer close and shared it with us. He was the first I knew of that hooked up a tap through the basement fridge to keep the keg cold! A great pool and card player. He will be missed. Please know we are thinking of all of you and your dad will be missed. Love to all, Ed, Anne, Witt, and Stefany Abahazi from Greenville, SC

May 19 at 8:00 PM

DM

Deborah (Boggs) Morris posted:

Dear JoAnn, Jeff and Jessie, Becky, Cathy, Rick and Billy ... It was with great sadness to read in the Online version of the Chronicle today of Earl's passing - I have many cherished childhood memories of happy times spent with the entire Smith family - I especially remember sunbathing with Becky and Earl coming home from work - taking one look at us and then saying with a chuckle (he had such a great sense of humor!) "Turn over girls - I think you're about done on this side!" I know you will miss him! May God send His Angels to surround your family during this sad and challenging time - Love, Deb

May 18 at 8:00 PM

MH

Mick & Val Hrivnak posted:

To JoAnn and the Smith and Bally Families, please accept our most heartfelt condolences on your loss of such a great man and beautiful person! We know His Wonderful Spirit, Humor, Smile, and Friendship will continue in you and in all he touched to make our world a better place!

May 18 at 8:00 PM

FT

Friends From Team F posted:

Deepest condolences.

May 18 at 8:00 PM

CP

Conley Peak posted:

My heart goes out to the entire Smith family. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go thru this very difficult time. May the peace of God that passes all understanding be yours today as you grieve.

May 18 at 8:00 PM



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GA

Glenn Alford posted:

Bill, Laurie, Spencer, Emily and Courtney, Please know that we are all lifting you up in our prayers during this mournful time. Mortal words are of little comfort so we must look to our Savior's words; "Blessed are those that mourn, for they will be comforted" Matt. 5:4 and 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 "So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord". Love From Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Glenn and Paula Alford

May 18 at 8:00 PM

DP

Duke And Tuddy Peak posted:

For the family of our niece, Laurie: Our prayers and condolences to you Bill, your mother and all your family, we pray that God will give you comfort and strength during this very difficult time.

May 18 at 8:00 PM

BS

Brianna Strehle posted:

To all the Smith Family - I am very saddened to hear about the passing of Gpa Smith. He was such an great and funny man. He was an awesome card playing partner too. I am blessed to have been welcomed into Smith family and all the events as if I were one. He will be greatly missed.

May 17 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Earl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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