



Robert E. Smith

February 25, 1926 - December 17, 2009

RICHMOND, Ind. - Robert Eugene Smith, age 83, of Richmond, died unexpectedly Thursday, December 17, 2009, at Reid Hospital. Born February 25, 1926, in Richmond, to John W. and Garnet Hansbarger Smith, he was a life-long resident of Richmond. Bob graduated from Richmond High School in 1944 and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served in the 158th Regimental Combat Team (Bushmasters) in the Asian Pacific and Philippines, receiving 3 battle stars. He married Eva Jeanne Harter in April 1949. For 12 years, starting May of 1950, Bob was a Richmond City Police Officer, also serving as Court Bailiff and FOP Chaplain. In September of 1962, he began his 30 year career managing his State Farm Insurance Agency. It was a profession which he loved. Bob lived his Christian faith everyday of his journey. He was a long time member of Central United Methodist Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir for over 50 years. He shared his spiritual gifts as a Stephen Minister and also taught Sunday School for several years. Bob was a part of the Richmond Area Emmaus Community and was a longtime member of Masonic Lodge Webb #24. Bob enjoyed nurturing his vegetable garden and sharing its abundance. He found great joy in casting his fishing line into any body of water, at any time of day or night, no matter the weather and no matter how sparse the fish were. He will be remembered as a loving husband, dad, grandfather and brother in Christ to many. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Eva Jeanne Harter Smith; son, Robert H. Smith and his wife Paula of Richmond; daughters, Angela J. Witherby and her

husband Jim of Richmond, and Rachelle J. Ludwig and her husband Rick of Bloomington, Illinois; five granddaughters, Emily McMullen and her husband Ken, Amy Smith and her husband Chris, Jessica Ludwig, Catherine Ludwig and Trisha Witherby; four great-grandchildren, Liam and Caitlyn Rose McMullen and Lucas and Noah Thielen; niece, Paulette Evans of New Paris, Ohio and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Paul W. Smith. Visitation for Robert Eugene Smith will be from 12 to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2009, at Central United Methodist Church, 1425 East Main Street, Richmond. Funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2009, at Central United Methodist Church with Rev. Philip Dorrell officiating. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond. Memorial contributions may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 1425 East Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374, or Richmond Area Emmaus Community, c/o Joyce Ann Baldwin, 201 East South Street, Centerville, IN 47330, or Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 1332 North Halsted Street, Suite 201, Chicago, IL 60642-2642. Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Doan & Mills Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert E. Smith*



Doan & Mills Funeral Home - December 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *Holding you and yours in prayer during these difficult days. May the love and peace of God hold, keep, and sustain you.*

Kathy and Bill Neil - December 22, 2009 at 11:30 AM

MS

“ *We are so sorry that distance prevents us from being with you all today. Bob always had a smile and friendly handshake or hug ready when we would see him. Can't help but think that is how he greeted His Savior. Each of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love you all, Mark and Nancy Smith*

Mark and Nancy Smith - December 22, 2009 at 10:57 AM

DR

“ *Sorry we couldn't attend the services. We are think about you and keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. We love you.*

David,Susan and Julie Rourke - December 22, 2009 at 10:28 AM

LG

“ Angie & Family, I was sad to hear that Bob passed, Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

Larry & Melissa Grimes - December 21, 2009 at 10:52 PM

JC

“ Eva, Our sincere condolences to you and your family for your loss.
Joe & June Clements

Joe and June Clements - December 21, 2009 at 10:31 PM

SF

“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Your dad was a great man and a caring friend to all. Always a smile and a kind word for everyone.

Sherri and John Fansher - December 21, 2009 at 07:48 PM

SM

“ To the Smith family. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family at this time of tragic loss. Bob will be sadly missed but not forgotten. Take faith in the knowledge that he has gone home to a far better place. May we all keep him in our hearts and minds until we can all be united again forever.

Stephen and Phyllis Murphy - December 21, 2009 at 06:37 PM

MH

“ Love and prayer continue to surround you as you say farewell....for now...to your beloved father/husband. May you know the comfort of God's nearness through every step of the journey. from Mary Kay and Brian

Mary Kay Henson - December 21, 2009 at 11:28 AM

BF

“ *Rachelle & Family, We are very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Shep, Diane & Family*

Bob Shepard & Family - December 21, 2009 at 10:50 AM

TF

“ *To the family of Robert E. Smith. We may not have known him long. For the time we had with him was a blessing. He showed us love, we shared laughter, food from his garden, words of faith, and a smile that could light up the world. We will truly miss him. But our memories are everlasting. Smith family you have our deepest sympathy for the presence and love of one so loved. Love Neal, Edith, & Robert Seals*

The Seals Family - December 21, 2009 at 10:18 AM

GT

“ *Dear Rachelle & family: I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. My prayers and thoughts are with you. - George Tomaszewski*

George Tomaszewski - December 21, 2009 at 09:55 AM

BS

“ *To all the Smith's, I'm very sorry to hear of your fathers passing...May you find strength, hope and courage to carry on.*

Bill and Shelley Staton - December 21, 2009 at 09:05 AM

PG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time. Patty Ray Gress and Family*

Patty Gress - December 21, 2009 at 07:43 AM

DG

“ Shelly and Rick and family - Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I have thought of you so often in the last few weeks. It's hard to lose a father or a mother, but your father, Shelly, is safe now with the Lord whom he served all of his life. We rememvered your all yesterday in the worship service at RLC. Love to all, Doris

Doris and Glen Greenseth - December 21, 2009 at 06:20 AM

DH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time

David Lydick and the staff of Doan & Mills Funeral Home - December 20, 2009 at 09:29 PM