



Robert "Red" E. Smith

June 7, 1927 - January 2, 2019

ROBERT E. "RED" SMITH
CYNTHIANA, INDIANA

Robert Eugene "Red" Smith, 91, passed away on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at the Linda E. White Hospice House at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana. Red was born in Cynthiana, Indiana on June 7, 1927 to William David and Grace Viola (Williams) Smith. He married Mary Patricia "Pat" Hepler on December 26, 1954.

Red graduated from Cynthiana High School in 1945 and was a U.S. Army Veteran serving as a basic training Sergeant at Camp Lee, Virginia. Red worked in the construction, railroad, pipeline, and oil production industries before becoming one of original staff members of the newly formed North Posey High School in 1959. He retired from North Posey in 1991 after 32 years as Maintenance Supervisor. In 1956, he became one of the founding members of the Smith Township Volunteer Fire Department in Cynthiana, Indiana and served the Department and community for 36 years. He was a Gold Card life member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association and a member of the American Legion Post #278 of Poseyville, Indiana. In October of 2016, he was one of eighty-five veterans participating in the Washington DC Honor Flight.

Red is survived by his wife "Pat" of sixty-four years; 2 sons: John (Kathy) Smith of Huntingburg, Indiana and Joe (Theresa) Smith of Cynthiana, Indiana; a daughter: Mary (Jim) Swanson of Henderson Kentucky, 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents; brothers: Wilfred, Wayne, William (II) and James; sisters: Dorthea, Mary and Norma and one half-sister: Ruth.

Red's family invites all friends and relatives to an Open House to celebrate his life and share stories and memories of a man who was known by so many. The Open House celebration will be held 1-4 p.m. central time, Saturday, January 12, 2019, at the Poseyville Community Center in Poseyville, Indiana. Internment of the cremains will be at Calvert's Chapel Cemetery near Cynthiana, Indiana.

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association and the American Legion Post #278 will conduct burial rites, 2 p.m. central time, Sunday, January 13, 2019 at the Poseyville Community Center.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Poseyville Community Center
25 W. Fletchall Avenue
Poseyville, IN 47633

Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Red" E. Smith

October 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ Red was a man with a personality that allowed him to relate to students and teachers in a supportive manner. He also was not afraid to tackle the most difficult tasks. One memory I have of him is seeing him on stage standing on top of a very large ladder and hanging border lights. As a beginning teacher I appreciated the smile on his face and his tremendous work ethic. North Posey and you all as members of the Smith Family were blessed to have such a person near you each day. For me, I always feel blessed when I meet such persons along life's way. Good people such as Red make our lives more pleasant.
Diane Smith-North Posey High School Teacher for 44 years..... .

Diane Smtih - January 15, 2019 at 12:14 AM



“ I remember Mr Smith warmly from my years at North Posey. He was a witty and good natured man, who treated students with respect and smiling good humor. He was liked by everyone. Bon voyage Mr smith

Ronald Nesler - January 11, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ My condolences to the family..... He was a "fixture" (and a special good person) in Cynthiana even when I was growing up many years ago. Although I had not seen him for many years, I used to keep up with how he was doing from my cousin, Jim Freeman, (now deceased).

Linda Freeman Brown - January 10, 2019 at 07:54 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family has lost a gem, but what comfort you have in all those wonderful memories. May God's love bring comfort to you all . Patrick & Carolyn Scheller & Family



carolyn scheller - January 03, 2019 at 10:33 AM

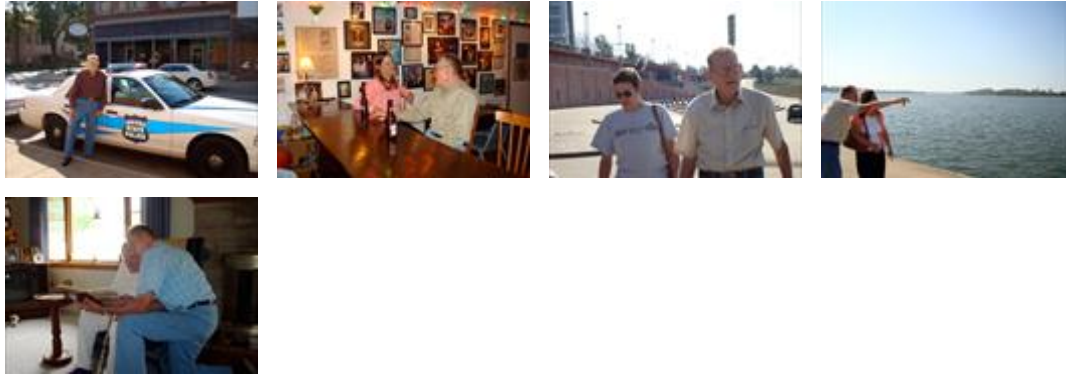
AM

“ He was a very funny, kind man and neighbor. The family is in my prayers and thoughts!

Annette McDonald - January 03, 2019 at 10:20 AM

Kevin McCann

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Kevin McCann - January 02, 2019 at 08:27 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Jon Willis - January 02, 2019 at 07:02 PM

SH

“ Red was a big influence on me. During my years at North Posey, (class of 69) Red and I had conversations on a daily basis. Unless we were listening to Paul Harvy's "Rest of the Story". I had the pleasure to see Red again a couple of years ago, and we had an interesting conversation about things that had happened over the years. I think Red was most proud of the fact that I had become a Volunteer Firefighter, and had served my community as an EMT with the department. I'm sure he will be missed greatly by many people. Thoughts and prayers for the entire family.

Stephen Hisch - January 02, 2019 at 06:35 PM

SH

Prayers for the family. I remember Red well while I was in high school. A great man. As a student with his son, Joe, you have my sympathy.

Steve Herrmann - January 03, 2019 at 02:43 AM

CF

Joe and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I remember your Dad from my years at North Posey. I recall him as a kind, caring, and thoughtful gentleman. Cathy Funkhouser, class of 1978

Cathy Inez Funkhouser - January 04, 2019 at 03:15 PM

JL

“ Remember him well from North Posey. I worked for Mr Mauck in my spare time while in school so was out walking the halls more than most. He was the kindest, nicest man!!

Jenny Racine Lloyd - January 02, 2019 at 04:21 PM

VB

“ My condolences to the family. I am so sorry to hear of Red's passing. I was a student at North Posey (graduated in 1986) and Red and I became friends there. I saw him for the first time in 25 years at my nephew's wedding (Derek Collins) in 2017 and he told my son that I was his favorite person in the world. He probably told that to a lot of folks, but it made me feel good. May he rest in peace. Prayers for the family. -Vicky



Vicky (Hisch) Berneking - January 02, 2019 at 04:10 PM