



Horace N. Smith

December 5, 1925 - March 28, 2018

Horace N. Smith, 92, Hagerstown, passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at Henry Community Health. He was born Dec. 5, 1925 on White Leghorn Farms outside Hagerstown, the son of Omer and Myrtle Smith.

He married Vera C. Dilling in Pendleton on Nov. 9, 1945 and they lived in the same house on the farm until moving to Addison Place in New Castle in 2016.

Horace was a 1943 graduate of Hagerstown High School. He farmed, repaired two-way business radios in his business Smith Communications and served as a broadcast engineer at radio stations WERK, WMDH, WHON/WQLK, WIFE and WZZY. For many years he had a gospel music show, Sunday Vespers, on radio stations in Richmond and New Castle.

Horace was member of West River Friends Church, Hagerstown Optimist Club and Indiana Farm Bureau. He was long-time ham radio operator, W9PPD, and was a member of amateur radio clubs in Richmond and New Castle. He was a past member of the Hagerstown Flying Club and served on the Nettle Creek School Board during the time of consolidation.

He was past clerk of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends, served on the board of trustees for White's Residence and Family Services in Wabash for more than 30 years and was clerk of the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian

Affairs for many years.

Horace is survived by his wife of 72 years Vera; four sons, Max and Anne Smith of Hagerstown, Larry and Donna Smith of LaPorte, Ind., Darrell of Hagerstown and Steve and Kathy Smith of Elwood; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Logan; three sisters, Martha Shelley, Hazel Lamott and Jane Baker; and a great-grandson, Landon Dunham.

Visitation will be 1 to 5 PM on Saturday, March 31, at West River Friends Church, 10636 Lacy Road, Economy. Services will follow at 5 PM, with Pastors David Brock and Ben Snyder officiating.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Hagerstown Optimist Club or Quaker Haven Camp, 111 EMS D16c Lane, Syracuse, IN 46567

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

West River Friends Meeting
10636 Lacy Rd.
Economy, IN 47339

Service

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Tribute Wall

MP

“ I am very sorry to hear of the passing of my friend "Smitty". W9PPD gave me my first Amateur Radio license test in 1969, and mentored me while getting started in the hobby. He generously loaned our small group the use of his generators for our annual Field Day ham radio event for several years. I also enjoyed our association in Hagerstown Flying Club. My sympathy to the family.

Mark Phillips

Mark Phillips - April 23, 2018 at 11:56 AM

JP

“ We were sorry to hear of your dad's passing, Max. We are praying for all your family. John and Frieda Pickering

John Pickering - April 04, 2018 at 09:47 AM

MB

“ Great memories of going with my dad (Steve) and grandfather (Gerald) to get radios or get them worked on. Good farming memories as well... Blessings to the family.

Michael Bond

Michael Bond - April 02, 2018 at 10:08 AM

MS

“ Prayers sent for all the Smith family members, very sorry for your loss.

Mark & Dot Schlegel

Mark Schlegel - March 31, 2018 at 01:58 PM

JS

“ I wish I could be there to celebrate the life of my Grandpa Smith. I'm glad that you can all be together to comfort each other in this time of loss. I have many great memories with grandpa that I will cherish always. I'm so grateful for the time I was able to spend with him during my yearly visits.
Sending all my love to my family,
Jennifer

Jennifer E Smith - March 31, 2018 at 05:25 AM

PM

“ Sincere condolences to all the family, especially Max and Anne and Darrell.
Your father contributed so much during his long lifetime.
Thinking of you at this sad time,
Jerry and Phyllis Mattheis

Phyllis Mattheis - March 30, 2018 at 07:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Horace N. Smith.



March 30, 2018 at 07:52 PM

RD

“ I love u grandpa and I will never forget all the special moments we had RIP

Rebecca Davis - March 30, 2018 at 07:38 PM

DB

“ Prayers with Vera and the family of Horace, on his passing I know he is in a better place, may God be with Horace and family

Don Brumley - March 30, 2018 at 06:18 PM

JS

“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



Jennifer Smith - March 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

JS

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Jennifer Smith - March 29, 2018 at 08:49 PM