



James "Clayton" Smith

September 29, 1916 - December 25, 2011

Frankfort " Services for James Clayton Smith, 95, will be 12:00 p.m. Thursday, December 29, 2011, at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home. Rev. Wayne Sayre and Dr. Scott Rollins will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until the service.

Mr. Smith passed away December 25, 2011, at Select Specialty Hospital, Lexington.

A native of Blanchester, OH, he was born September 29, 1916 to Clay D. and Lorena Coleman Smith. Mr. Smith served in the US Army Air Corp during World War II and retired from Athens County Ohio School System where he was Director of Counseling and Testing. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, a Royal Arch Mason, Athens Chapter 39, Commandry #15 Knights Templar, Athens, OH, Ohio Priory No 18, Knights of the York Cross of Honour and Order of Eastern Star, Guysville, OH.

He is survived by his daughter, Joyce Honaker; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ed and Laura Gibbins; cousins Bob and Ron Coleman and numerous nieces and nephews who fondly call him "Uncle Smitty". He was the widow of Lena K. Smith and was preceded in death by his parents.

Expressions of sympathy are suggested to American Cancer Society, 160 Moore Dr., Suite 201, Lexington, KY 40503 or a favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Clayton" Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM

RK

“ *I was a student of "Mr Smith" during my high school years at Athens High School. I graduated in 1956, and always thought so much of him as a teacher and a good person. He came to one of our reunions which was nice surprise to all.*

Condolences to his daughter and extended families.

Rita Simpkins Kovalski - December 28, 2011 at 08:13 PM

SB

“ *Smitty & Lena were probably my parents' best friends, a friendship that continued for decades, although separated by half a continent. The Smiths and the Shipmans even shared military housing in Deming, New Mexico during WWII and even though the two couples went their separate ways, they regularly kept in touch. The Smiths had Joyce and the Shipmans had me and the two of us have kept in touch just about as long. The friendship between Smitty & Lena and Jack & Mart was a precious thing and the memories kept my mother "warm" through the years. I wish I could be there for you, Joyce, but know that you are always in my thoughts. With love - Sally*

Sally Shipman Breeden - December 28, 2011 at 07:25 PM

RB

“ *Mr. Smith was our high school guidance counselor. I remember him well. I also knew him as a friend of my father through the Mason's. I send my sincere condolences to Joyce and all his family. God Bless.*

Rose Ann Coffman Bash - December 28, 2011 at 01:14 PM

JW

“ *Joyce And Family---I'm so sorry about your Fathers passing. I'm proud to say that I've known you and your Mother and Father almost all of my life (starting at East Side School) through school and church. Joyce I guess that there's no better way to say it except "We've all been blessed to know them". Take Care Of Yourself---*
Jim Williams

Jim Williams - December 28, 2011 at 12:19 PM

EF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that we are holding you close in our thoughts and prayers.

Ellen Gotshall and Family - December 27, 2011 at 03:35 PM