



Lawrence Smith

July 3, 1935 - June 6, 2018

James Lawrence Smith, 82, passed Wednesday, 6 June, 2018 following a sudden illness. Visitation will be Sunday, 10 June at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 1:00PM to 3:00PM with services to follow. Services will be officiated by Rev. Dr. John Opsata and Rev. Meredith Siler. There will be additional visitation and fellowship with the family at First Christian Church, 316 Ann Street, following the services from 4:00PM until 6:00PM. Interment, with military honors, will be Monday, 11 June at 11:00AM at the Frankfort Cemetery.

Known as Lawrence by most and "Opa" to his family and closest friends, he was born on 3 July 1935 to the late Lew and Sophronia Booth Smith. A life-long Frankfort native he was a 1954 graduate of Elkhorn High School. Lawrence proudly served his country as a member of the US Army Reserve from 1954 to 1962. Attaining the rank of Sergeant, he could be depended upon to faithfully execute any assigned task from serving as mess sergeant to performing administrative duties to running the firing ranges and serving as a weapons instructor. In 1997 Lawrence retired from the Rand McNally Corporation in Versailles, Kentucky after thirty-four years. He worked as a press foreman/operator and attained the final position of master craftsman. Nick-named "Crazy Jim" by his co-workers, he was an honest and trustworthy employee and highly regarded by his coworkers.

An avid sportsman, Lawrence spent many long hours hunting and fishing. He made every attempt to share with and pass on his love of the outdoors to his

children and grandchildren.

Along with his wife, Anne, he shared a passion for camping, was a charter member of the MUDCATS, and a member of the Kentucky River Campground for almost thirty years. His children and grandchildren have many fond memories of time spent fishing and boating with Opa.

Lawrence was a very generous man with an extremely boisterous personality. At the campground, he could always be found in the middle of any project, whether it was moving boat docks to or from the river, hosing away mud after one of the numerous floods, or cooking Derby breakfast.

Opa is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Anne Katherine Smith Vaughn Smith; sister Betty Lou (Robert) Smither; brother Gayle Smith; sons Larry (Vicki) Smith; Layne (Tish) Smith; David Smith; Mark (Mary) Vaughn; daughter Susan (Steve) Clark; grandchildren Ryan (Whitney) Smith; Kayla (Matt) Lee; Grant Smith; Eric Smith; Chris (Amy) Green; Lauren Walter; Michael Clark; Travis Clark; Jordan Clark; Katie (Steve) Colley; Tommy (Lydia) Vaughn; seven great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Lawrence was preceded in death by his siblings Louise Goins; Edwin Scott Smith; George Smith; Beatrice Atha; Loretta Adams, and Paul C. Smith.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ryan Smith, Chris Green, Eric Smith, Tommy Vaughn, Grant Smith, Michael Clark. Honorary bearers will be Lauren Walter, Katie Colley, Kayla Lee, Travis Clark, and Jordan Clark.

Flowers are welcome or expressions of sympathy are suggested to First Christian Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Frankfort Cemetery

215 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-2403

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
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Service

JUN 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *So sorry remember Lawrence from Elkhorn School. Bill and Martha Woodside*

Martha Woodside - June 09, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - June 08, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ *Vicki Webb lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Smith*



Vicki Webb - June 08, 2018 at 07:36 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your family's loss, you are all in my prayers. I will miss seeing Lawrence and Holly on their daily walks.*

Vicki Webb

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