



## Charles J. Smith

October 12, 1927 - August 15, 2014

Charles J. Smith, 86 of Centralia, passed away Friday, August 15, 2014 at his home. He was born October 12, 1927 in Wamac, son of John Henry Smith and Mary Elizabeth (Livers) Smith. He married Ruth Lackey on September 12, 1954 in Mt. Vernon and she survives in Centralia. In addition to his wife of 59 years, he is also survived by three children: Randy Smith and special friend Dawn Lewis of Centralia, Chuck Smith of Centralia and Daughter-in-law, Jo Ann Smith of Centralia and Lisa Jose and husband John of St. Peters, Missouri; four grandchildren: Michael Smith of Fort Myers, Florida, Kelly Crosby and husband Sam of Marion, Ohio, Lacy Lonerio and husband Jason of Ferguson, Missouri and Hallie Barnes and wife Kim of Carlyle; eight grandchildren: Zackary Barnes and Kelsey Barnes both of Carlyle, Emily Smith of Fort Myers, FL, Brayden Crosby and Calan Crosby both of Marion, OH, Connor Lonerio, Addison Lonerio and Ellie Lonerio all of Ferguson, MO; a sister: Georgia Haas of Junction City; a sister-in-law: Doris Garrison of Centralia; a brother-in-law: Jack Lackey and wife Janet of Evansville, IN; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: James Smith and Jack Smith, and a daughter-in-law: Elaine Smith. Charles served in WWII in the occupational forces and also served in the Korean War as a truck driver taking supplies to the front lines. He was a truck driver for Kas Potato Chip for 28 years and retired. He then worked at St. Mary's Hospital driving a van and he volunteered at the Centralia Museum. Charles enjoyed talking about his old motorcycles and

attending church at the Faith United Methodist Church in Centralia. Most of all he loved spending time with his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends. Per his wishes, Mr. Smith will be cremated and a Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Mark Doane and Pastor Don Smith officiating. Military Honors will be accorded at the funeral home by the American Legion Post 446 and VFW Post 2055. Visitation will be held from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Thursday evening at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Faith United Methodist Church and Huntington's Disease Society and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, which is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)