



George A. Smith

September 29, 1929 - January 31, 2017

George A. Smith, 87, of Centralia, passed away at home with his family by his side on Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

He was born September 29, 1929 in Middletown, Indiana, son of Carl Smith and Emma (Comstock) Smith. He married Betty Lee Self on November 6, 1950 in Terre Haute, Indiana and she preceded him in death on November 26, 2008.

He is survived by a son, Roy "Pete" Smith and wife Margaret of Centralia; five grandchildren: Travis Smith and wife Stacie of Centralia, Shelby King and husband Rusty of Centralia, Shannon Parker and husband Jeremy of North Carolina, George Smith of North Carolina, and Jackie Proffitt and husband Joey of Tennessee; six great-grandchildren: Maddie, Jacob, Nathan, Ruby, Griffin, and Pricella; a daughter-in-law, Shelly Smith of Centralia; a brother: Howard Smith of Indiana; three sisters-in-law: Jane Aaron, Billie Jo Miller, and Barbara Ann Scanlan and husband Jack all of Centralia; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife: Betty Lee Smith, a son: Larry W. Smith, brother Jimmy Smith, brothers-in-law: Jesse Miller, R. D. Campbell, Kenneth Aaron and Dale Goss, a sister-in-law: Jean Smith.

George served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force. He retired from the Illinois Central Railroad as a yard master. He also worked for Burges Bridge Company Heavy Equipment operator. He enjoyed golf and fishing. His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family and friends.

Funeral Services for George A. Smith will be held Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Stephen Nail officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Military Honors will be accorded at the gravesite by the American Legion Post 446 and V.F.W. Post 2055. Visitation will be held Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, Relay for Life, and Donor's Choice and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia which is assisting the Smith Family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of George A. Smith



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - October 26, 2018 at 10:39 AM



Pete,I so sorry for your loss,he was a man to be admired. Jim (Cook(Sullivan
Jim Sullivan - February 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



I am so very sorry for your families loss. George and Betty are now together, fussing at each other! I really enjoyed our visits when he came to the house. He was one of a kind and I know he will be missed by many. Love and prayers to you all. Love from his Protege

Rick & Sandy Wilmoth - February 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM