



William Washington Smith

June 29, 1927 - July 11, 2017

William W. Smith, age 90, of Brodhead, formerly of Durand, IL, passed away on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at his home. He was born on June 29, 1927 in Marion, IA, the son of Loyd A. and Mary Etta (Washington) Smith. He married Margaret Marie Port on June 8, 1947 in Marion, IA. Bill graduated from Alburnett High School, Alburnet, IA, in 1945. He served in the U.S. Army for two short terms, at the end of WWII in 1945 and during the Korean Conflict. He began his banking career at a Rockford, IL bank in 1946, and became CEO of the Durand State Bank, Durand, IL at its inception in 1957. He served on the original Board of Directors in 1956 until January, 1998, when he retired as an honorary director. He was the CEO from the banks opening on February 1, 1957, semi-retiring on December 31, 1983, remaining as president through 1988. He served as an Independent Contractor at the Durand State Bank from 1998 through 2006, serving as director of public relations and advertising. He was recognized for 50 years in banking by the Independent Community Bankers of Illinois in 1996. Bill was a life member of the American Legion, Gold Star Post 676, Durand, IL. Bill had been a member of the United Methodist Church of Durand for over 40 years, serving on various committees, and becoming a member of the Indian Grove Country Church, Rock City, IL in 2001. He was a member, and a past master of the Durand Masonic Lodge #302 and a member of the Valley of Freeport Scottish Rite Bodies. In 1984, Bill began a part-time auto sales position at Ayres Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick, Brodhead, WI. He had also served on the city of Rockford Planning

Commission and the Durand Village Boards. Bill is survived by his wife Margaret; his children, Barbara (Joel) Carlson, Scott (Laurie) Smith, Roger (Sherri) Smith; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Beverlee Sue Phillips, in 1978, a sister, Loyda Hohlfelder, and a brother, Milton Smith. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 15, 2017, at the Indian Grove Country Church, Rock City, IL. Visitation will be held on Friday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Community Room at the Durand State Bank, Durand, IL. A Masonic Service will follow the visitation at 8 p.m. ? ? Memorials may be made to the Monroe Clinic Hospice, the Monroe Hospital Foundation, or the Indian Grove Country Church, Rock City, IL.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ A candle was lit by Ron and Peggy Phillips

on July 11, 2017 9:40 PM

Ron and Peggy Phillips - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

JP

“ A candle was lit by Jerry and Ellyn Popanz

on July 12, 2017 5:33 AM

Jerry and Ellyn Popanz - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

JM

“ A candle was lit by Jim and Beth Mitzel

on July 12, 2017 4:03 PM

Jim and Beth Mitzel - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

JW

“ A candle was lit by Jack and Lisa Walsh

on July 12, 2017 6:13 PM

Jack and Lisa Walsh - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

AC

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing.he was a favorite of our father, Keron Walsh God rest his soul.We so enjoyed visiting with him at the book signing last September

Anne Walsh Colby - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

DJ

“ A candle was lit by Doug and Janice Knight and Thomas Joranlien
on July 12, 2017 7:33 PM

Doug and Janice Knight and Thomas Joranlien - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

BC

“ Thanks for your kind thoughts and prayers for our family. I have
happy memories of times spent with you, Joyce.

Barbara Carlson - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

JO

“ Margaret, Barb & Family: sending hugs and prayers to all during this
sad moment. I always enjoyed Bill' kindness and generosity that he
showed to all.

Joyce SHIPPY O'Connell - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

CR

“ A candle was lit by Colleen Riese
on July 13, 2017 9:35 AM

*I had the pleasure of getting to Mr. William through a business in
Brodhead, he was one of my favorites! Such a kind and gentle soul.*

Post a reply

Colleen Riese - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

TG

“ Margaret and family, I'm so sad about the loss of Bill but I'm excited as he's in Heaven now and not hurting anymore. We sure had many fun times playing cards or (his favorite) domino's. I have many great memories of Bill and loved him like a Dad, as he crowned me as a princess once. LOL
Just think of all the good times and remember he's with Jesus now.
With my love, Tammy

Tammy Schmerse Ganshirt - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

LK

“ A candle was lit by Lynn and Nancy Kalina

on July 13, 2017 12:12 PM

Lynn and Nancy Kalina - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

SC

“ Bill was a wonderful person and one of my first employers. Always kind and helpful, I loved working with him then and visiting with him after that time. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Sharon Nuss Custer - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

MC

“ It is ironic and sad that while we are in the midst of packing our household to load on a truck and move 3 hours south of here, we are mourning the loss of the man who brought us here almost 35 years ago. When we sat at what was the Pecatonica/75 "Y" and looked down on the village of Durand, we had a good feeling that this was a place we wanted to be. Upon meeting Mr. Smith (he will always be "Mr." to us) we were convinced. His gracious and open reception of us let us know that he was really interested in us and not just as an employee. Over the years we crossed paths many times and each time we learned something. He made sure that Dot had first chance at one of "Smith's fine cars". His influence on our lives cannot be overstated. While we will not be attending, for reasons that Bill and I discussed many times (and for which he was quick to pull my chain), we wanted to express our heartfelt sympathy for Margaret and Mr. Smith's family. May they find comfort in their hearts.

Mac and Dot Camac - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

ES

“ A THE COLOR OF MEMORIES TABLE ARRANGEMENT was ordered on July 13, 2017

Expression of Sympathy - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

KS

“ A candle was lit by Kay & Ken Stanford
on July 13, 2017 9:39 PM

Kay & Ken Stanford - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

DM

“ A candle was lit by Dennis & Tami McCorkle

on July 14, 2017 12:09 PM

Dennis & Tami McCorkle - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

MS

“ A candle was lit by Mo Ostergard&Marlene Saelens

on July 14, 2017 9:26 PM

Mo Ostergard&Marlene Saelens - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

RR

“ A candle was lit by Rob & Tammy Riemer

on July 14, 2017 9:55 PM

Rob & Tammy Riemer - May 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM