



Kenneth G. "Kenney" Smith

May 30, 1929 - June 6, 2019

Kenneth (Kenney) Gerard Smith, age 90, of Lawrence passed away on Friday, June 6, 2019, in Community Hospital North. He was born May 30, 1929, in Evansville, Indiana, to Byron and Gertrude Slatton Smith. He was the oldest of 5 children. Kenney graduated from Logansport High School in 1948 and attended Butler University on a basketball scholarship. On September 15, 1951, he married his high school sweetheart Betty Elaine DeLong Smith and moved to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he was stationed in the Army. After Kenney's military service, they relocated to Indianapolis, Indiana, where Kenney and Betty devoted most of their time raising three children, Gary, Laura Ann and Robert. Kenney retired as a supervisor after 37 years with Chrysler Corporation. Kenney loved sports; he was active in golf, enjoyed coaching little league baseball, and playing basketball games with his family. He also liked playing card games such as cribbage, euchre and hearts. Some of his fondest memories were fishing trips with family. He always wished to visit his Irish heritage.

Kenney was a devoted husband of over 50 years. He enjoyed his family and earned his nickname of Grandpa donut. Kenney demonstrated outstanding courage during his time on kidney dialysis. He was a strong, giving and vibrant person. He was a cherished friend and will be greatly missed by all who knew him and loved him.

Preceded in death by his wife Betty Elaine DeLong Smith and brothers Donald (Sondra) and Robert Smith. Kenney is survived by his daughter Laura Ann

(Ernie); sons, Gary (Susan) and Robert (Mirna); grandsons, Ryan (Danielle), Benjamin and Gunnar; granddaughters, Katherine, Sigrid; great-grandchildren, Brice, Sophia, Ava, Lily; brother, Dick (Sandy); sister, Karen Gremelspacher; and companion Sara Canales.

Visitation will be Friday, June 14, 2019 from 12 noon until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington Street.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the National Kidney Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park

9350 E Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. "Kenney" Smith.*



June 14, 2019 at 08:27 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth G. "Kenney" Smith.*



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