



Philip J. "P.J." Smith

May 16, 1930 - December 10, 2018

Philip J. "P.J." Smith, 88, of Bloomington, Indiana passed away on December 10, 2018 in his home.

Philip was born on May 16, 1930 in Brooklyn, NY to the late Philip and Anna (Connolly) Smith. He attended Cardinal Hays High School in the Bronx, NY, and graduated in 1948. Philip went on to attend Iona College in New Rochelle, NY. During his time at Iona, he became editor of the yearbook and was active in photography, running track, and the Gaelic Club. He graduated in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He moved to Washington DC and began what was to be a 40-year career as a chemical engineer with various weapons and ordinance support programs, mainly with the U.S. Navy. It was during this time that Philip met and married the love of his life, Gloria Rhodes. They had four children while living in Washington. In 1960, Philip accepted a position with Crane Naval Ammunition Depot and moved to Bloomington. He and Gloria had two more children. They spent 64 wonderful years together. Phil loved Bloomington and remained devoted to public service and volunteerism in the community. He was a member of St Charles Catholic church where he developed lifelong friendships and began his love affair with golf, particularly the IU golf course where he frequently played as a member of Belles and Beaus. He was devoted to IU basketball and leaves a collection of red jackets and sweaters as evidence. He also loved to travel mainly to Florida, Hawaii and Houston to visit his family. Philip was a student of history and was particularly knowledgeable about the Civil War often organizing family vacations around tours of famous Civil War battle sites. Philip was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend, his sense of humor and antics could light up a room. He will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all who loved him.

Philip is survived by his wife, Gloria (Rhodes) Smith; children, Elaine Smith of Kingwood, TX, Philip Smith, Jr. of Bloomington, IN, Chris van Bergeijk (Eric) of Kailua, HI, Cindy Brown (Mike) of Indianapolis, IN, Patty Reutell (Terry) of Columbus, IN, Steve Smith (Luann) of Simpsonville, SC; sister, Roseanne Burke of Mont Claire, NJ; 10 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild.

A Celebration of life will be held on January 5th at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Rd. 37, Bloomington, IN 47401. Friends may visit from 3:00 - 6:00 at

the funeral home. A memorial service will begin at 5:00.

Memorial contributions may be made to Stone Belt or The First Tee of Indiana
(Bloomington)

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Philip's family at <http://www.allencares.com>

Events

JAN **Visitation** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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JAN **Memorial Service** 05:00PM

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Comments



“ Occasionally, Phil, Byrum Carter and Harry Yamaguchi allowed me fill their foursome at the IU Golf Course. In each of those rounds, Phil always wanted to win the 17th hole so he could have the first drive on 18, He said that he knew that they were watching from the Clubhouse, and thus knew who the best golfer of that foursome was. And, then he swung very hard, often slicing his ball into the right rough, a shot followed by a comment. Phil was fun to be around, proud of his family and a pleasure to know. Society needs more Phil Smith's or people with his attitude. Rest in peace, friend. They are watching from the clubhouse.

Harmon Baldwin

Harmon Baldwin - January 03, 2019 at 01:44 PM



“ Ron & Nancy Edgar & Family purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Philip J. "P.J." Smith.



Ron & Nancy Edgar & Family - January 02, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ Our Uncle Phil was such a great man always positive and encouraging. He was someone that you enjoyed being around, huge sense of humor and loved to laugh. My visits to his house in the summer were always an adventure and memorable, he was like a big kid. After his retirement him and Aunt Jean would come to Florida in the fall, we had such good times when we would get together, always looked forward to get all the updates from the past year. Uncle Phil was such a great father and Uncle that anyone would be proud to have. He lived every moment of life with everything he had, honored and cherished his wife, loved his children, the core of is being. We will miss our "one of a kind" Uncle and hold dear to our hearts all the love he shared with all of us. So long for now Uncle Phil, we love you, Nancy, Ron, Aaron & Nicole Edgar

Nancy Edgar - January 02, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ Remember this sweet guy when we both worked at the old R&D at Crane. I left Crane in 1966, and moved to Virginia, so did not keep up with him after that. He always had a smile on his face, I do remember that. He went on, from what I read to have a wonderful life and touch those around him. I know you will miss him and the life he brought to y'all. May you have a wonderful celebration of his life and remember the joy he brought to all those he loved and cared about. May God bless and give you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Love, Karel Helm Smith

karel helm smith - December 27, 2018 at 06:30 PM