



Ross Howard Smith

January 6, 1912 - February 11, 2016

Ross H. Smith, 104, of Bloomington passed away Thursday at his home. Ross was born on January 6, 1912 in Monroe County, Indiana; the son of Everett and Cassie (Kerr) Smith.

Ross graduated from Bloomington High School and received a Business degree from Indiana University. He served in the United States Army during WWII. Ross retired after 39 years from the Halls of Residence at Indiana University and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He enjoyed the outdoors, gardening and was a craftsman with woodworking including furniture.

Ross is survived by his two daughters Joyce Anne Shanks and Sherry Simpson (Bill); two brothers Richard Smith and James Smith; one sister Joan Kennedy; three grandchildren Jason Shanks (Allison), Ross Simpson (Becca) and Sarah Allen (Jon); three great-grandsons Nikau Shanks, Kai Shanks and Rowan Simpson; and one great-granddaughter arriving in June.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Ruth C. Smith, three sisters Mary Frances Smith, Rose Marie Conard and Ruth Libkie, and two brothers Everett Smith Jr. and John Smith.

There will be private family services held at Valhalla Memory Gardens with military honors conducted by the Monroe County Veterans Honor Guard. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 are handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allencares.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Mr. Smith as Jason's grandfather. For some reason I never knew, or can no longer recall, Jason called him Daddy Ho-Ho. He was a great man who lived a great life and I always enjoyed seeing him on visits back to Indiana. Rest in Peace, Sir. My condolences to the family.

Kyle Hanrahan, New Orleans, LA - February 25, 2016 at 11:02 AM

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“ Hey Joyce Anne, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! Love you, Kathy and family

Kathy McCauley - February 16, 2016 at 09:13 AM

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“ While of course I was not surprised to hear of Ross's death, I am sorry. Ross was the last tie I had to my mother and father and our home on #46. It was always good to see Ross and Ruth out working in their yard and garden. They were good neighbors and friends. My parents appreciated having them as next door neighbors. Judy and I send our condolences to the entire Smith family.
Max and Judy Skirvin

Max and Judy Skirvin - February 13, 2016 at 09:26 AM

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I wasn't in town when your father passed away, I'm sorry for your loss. We lived for many years directly across the street from you parents and my in-laws owned the antique shop. Susie Williams

Susie Williams - March 07, 2016 at 06:38 PM