



Eddie J. Smart

July 11, 1932 - February 8, 2019

Eddie J. Smart, age 86, of Valparaiso, IN passed away on Friday, February 8, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loved ones. He was born on July 11, 1932 in Eagle Lake, Maine to Elizabeth and Joseph Smart. Eddie is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Anna (Lorraine) Smart; children, Victoria Lynn (Michael A.) Gruhlke, Valarie Smart-Higgins (Daniel Higgins), and Michael J. Smart all from Valparaiso. Grandchildren Michael P. (Nantaka) Gruhlke, Shane (Jennifer) Higgins, Scott (Marissa) Higgins, Andrea (Ryan) Bambrick, Kyle Smart, 15 great grandchildren, and many extended family members and friends. Eddie is preceded in death by his parents and all his many brothers and sisters. Eddie retired from Bethlehem Steel as a Supervisor following 29 years of service. He earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Indiana Institute of Technology. He was a veteran in the United States Army and attained the rank of Platoon Sergeant and served in Korea. Eddie was a former President of the South Haven Community Association, former Director of the Porter County Civil Defense, former Porter County Sheriff's Deputy, and a charter member of the American Legion Post 502 and the South Haven Lions Club. Eddie enjoyed the outdoors, he was an avid fisherman and enjoyed boating, camping and hunting. Eddie enjoyed several hobbies including making homemade pens, pencils, salt and pepper shakers, and vases with exotic woods from around the world. Eddie also enjoyed making fishing tackle and various types of knives. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home Portage Chapel, 6941 Central Ave., Portage, IN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 356 W. 700 N., Valparaiso, IN. A memorial gathering will be held immediately following the Funeral Mass at the Church Hall.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Portage Chapel

6941 Central Avenue, Portage, IN, US, 46368

FEB **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

356 W 700 N, Valparaiso, IN, US, 46385

Comments



“ We know many, many people in our lifetimes. It is with great love and pride that I can claim Uncle Ed as both a favorite relative AND a good friend. When Dad passed away, Uncle Ed became a surrogate father and mentor to me. He has had a lasting influence on me and my life accomplishments. He's fishing with Dad now and enjoying that fantastic bond they shared. I love them both with all my heart and will continue to do so until I see them both again. With all my Love, Respect and Gratitude always.
Bev Smart-Adamchek

Beverly Adamchek - February 14 at 12:03 PM



“ Aunt Anna, Vickie, Valerie, Mike, grandchildre and great grandchildren, I know your hearts are heavy right now, but know that Uncle Ed will be you you always loving you all from Heaven. Your special memories of him will help ease your deep loss! I have such wonderful memories of all of you visiting all of us in Maine, going to Squirrel Island, the singing and all of the fun times. I love Ed him dearly as I do all of you. I will be there in spirit today. Hugs to you all.

Sheryl Lewis (niece) - February 14 at 08:00 AM



“ Dear Vicki,
Our condolences are with you and your family.

Dustin & Nichole Mackanos

Dustin Mackanos - February 14 at 07:16 AM



“ doing anything at all with uncle ed was always fun and interesting.....especially when he would sing. i am going to miss him a lot this is richard smart

Richard Smart - February 13 at 05:32 PM



“ Aunt Anna and family: Although I cannot be there physically, know that I am with you in spirit. Uncle Ed was one of the nicest people I have ever known and I am so lucky to have become part of your extended family. Every time I hear the song "16 Tons" I can hear him singing. One of the last times I spoke with Uncle he told me how much he was enjoying the adult coloring books, so naturally I had to go out and get some.

Such fond memories of your visits to Maine, swimming at Long Pond, etc. He was well loved and will be very much missed.

Much love and hugs to all.

Mae Beth

Mae Beth Smart - February 13 at 10:05 AM



“ Growing up, the best time of the year (for me) was when Uncle Eddie, Aunt Anna and the kids came to visit us each year here in Maine. I waited all year for their hugs and never wanted to let go. Many of my best memories revolve around singing in the car. A particular favorite was listening to Uncle and Auntie sing together; especially "Autumn Leaves", which Aunt Anna told me was very special to the two of them. It's always been one of my favorites - even more so now for all the wonderful memories it holds. So, Rest in Peace my dear, sweet uncle.

You are missed, you are remembered, you are cherished.

And although I'm here in Maine, today, my heart is in Indiana.

I love You,

Pam

Pamela Smart - February 12 at 08:57 AM



“ I grew up at the Smart household and I loved both of my friend Vickie's parents. You were part of a great family and you will be missed! RIP, beautiful man!!!

Freda Black - February 11 at 11:41 PM



“ With LOVE Bob & Diana LeClair purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Eddie J. Smart.



With LOVE Bob & Diana LeClair - February 11 at 06:26 PM



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February 11 at 06:06 PM



“ The day of Ed's retirement dinner at Beth . Steel, a young engineer , Peter Heitler, paid a very high compliment to Ed , when Peter and I were in Peter's office . Peter said ' Of all the people in the Engineering Dept , Ed is the only one I know of that no one in the Dept . has anything bad to say about them . Every body else has somebody that does not like them . ' A great tribute to a fine man .

When I was promoted to Ass't . Field Foreman , Const. Dept . , I was assigned to Ed .I knew absolutely nothing about construction . Ed was always extremely patient with me.The first time I said 'I have a dumb question, ' He immediately interjected and said ' You don't have a dumb question, if you don't know the answer it is not a dumb question . You might get a dumb answer , but you don't have a dumb question . ' I have repeated that conversation many times over the years.

I do not ever remember him being short with me , or express anger about what I had done or not done . A great role model and a great friend . RIP , Ed, miss you .

Ron Griffin

Ron Griffin - February 11 at 02:19 PM