



Wilburn E. Smith

September 30, 1938 - August 18, 2012

TIPPECANOE-Wilburn E. Smith, 73, passed away Saturday, August 18, 2012 in his home of an illness. Mr. Smith was born September 30, 1938 in Jackson, KY to Rolla "Rollie" and Grace (Minnix) Smith and lived in the area for most of his life. On December 31, 1984 in Indianapolis, he was married to Darlene Van Asdall, who preceded him in death in 2005. He was also preceded in death by his father and four brothers. Survivors include: his mother, Grace Smith of Grovertown; three step-children, Malinda Liedtky, Charlene Smith and Charles Kline; four step-grandchildren; eight sisters, Thelma Hensley of Argos, Linda (Carl) Wojciechowski of Knox, Brenda Long of Monterey, Berniece Carter of Mishawaka, Eloise (Julio) Martin of Hialeah, FL, Yvonne (Ron) Daley of Grovertown, Cindy Polsinelli of Tennessee and Gwendolyn (Dean) Good of Monterey; two brothers, Roy Dean Smith of Grovertown and Howard Lawson (Charlotte) Smith of Spencer and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

Mr. Smith attended Eagle Creek, Ober, North Judson, Hamlet and Knox Schools. He was a 1955 graduate from Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, CA, where he worked on motion pictures for the U.S. Dept. of Interior. He was a former employee of R.E.M.C., he was the production manager for the Starke County News and the editor of the Starke County Republican. He was the past-editor of the Indiana Electric Consumer and the winner of the 1970 George W. Haggard Memorial Journalism Award. He was the past-chairman of the Starke County Young Republicans and co-owner and operator of the Knox Theatre.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. (Central Time) in Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel with Rev. Ed Hasnerl officiating. Burial will be at the Eagle Creek Cemetery. Friends may call Tuesday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. CT and Wednesday after 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to Muscular Dystrophy Association or Eagle Creek Church.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I will love and miss you, always.*

Michelle Martin - April 29, 2018 at 07:52 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry to learn of Wib's passing. He was a kind person, and will be missed.*

Pauline Smith Wing - April 29, 2018 at 07:52 PM

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“ *My earliest memory of Uncle Wib was of him walking with a cane through my grandmother's back yard, in front of the barn. He was wearing a white button up shirt, a pair of slacks, and he was laughing. He seemed 10 feet tall. I must have been very young, because all of my other memories were of him in the wheelchair. Love you Uncle Wib.*

Danielle Buck - April 29, 2018 at 07:52 PM