



William Smith

August 10, 2013

KEGLEY – William F. Smith, 89, of Kegley, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, August 10, 2013 after a short illness at Westwood Center in Bluefield, VA. Born May 12, 1924 in Danville, IL, he was the son of the late Edward Smith and Goldie Watson Smith.

Mr. Smith was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in Normandy during World War II. He lived in Danville, IL and Georgetown, IL where he worked as a switchman for Norfolk and Western Railroad. He was a member of the Danville, Illinois Masonic Lodge. Following his retirement, he moved to West Virginia in 1995. He was a dedicated member of Maple View Church of Christ in Bluefield where he sang in the choir. He also attended Fairview Christian Community Church in Princeton. He enjoyed woodworking, camping and fishing. He was a fun-loving person and was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

Survivors include his loving wife of 62 years, Barbara Carr Smith; two daughters, Pamela Van Blaricom and her husband Bob of Kegley and Karla Nose and her husband Jay of Evansville, IN; five grandchildren, Trisha Beck and her fiancé David Hogan of Evansville, IN, Jessica Egan and her husband Michael of Evansville, IN and Zach Van Blaricom, Isaac Van Blaricom and Luke Van Blaricom all of Kegley; and four great-grandchildren, Jayden, Nathan, Sydney and Carson.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in

Princeton with Rev. Tony Reed and Rev. Larry Dyer officiating. Following the service, military honors will be conducted by the West Virginia National Guard Honor Guard.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Bluewell. Family will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, August 13, 2013 from 5:30 until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute to Mr. Smith, or send the family online condolences, please visit www.bailey-kirk.com.

[Click here to view a video memorial tribute to Mr. Smith.](#)

Tribute Wall



“ *William Smith*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *The most most important thing now is our grandma and anything she needs or want and to be here to comfort her she is number one now!!!!*

Jessica Egan - August 15, 2013 at 11:01 AM



“ *Thank you Karen For your wonderful message we all appreciate everything and not many people remember all of the things he has done for this country and for so many people and trish david and i worked really hard on that video and we all appreciate it thank you very much!!*

Jessica Egan - August 15, 2013 at 10:59 AM



“ *Barb, Karla, Trisha, & Jessy: What a beautiful video tribute to such a great man's life. I thank God for him and his service to our country for our freedom, and for being such a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. It was obvious how much he enjoyed you all by the huge smiles in the pictures. I remember him as a strong but gentle man. A grand neighbor and friend of the family. God bless you all and your families and know in your hearts and minds that you folks will see him again! With much much love and respect, Karen Beck & family.*

Karen Beck - August 14, 2013 at 10:23 PM

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“ *Pam and Bob, our thoughts and prayers are with you, the boys and the family. God Bless you. We love you, James and Linda Berry*

JAMES BERRY - August 12, 2013 at 01:33 PM