



Edward J. Smith

August 1, 1935 - December 6, 2024

Edward J. Smith, 89, passed away on Friday, December 6, 2024, at his residence at the Terraces of Bonita Springs. A former resident of Arlington Heights, IL, he has lived in Bonita Springs for the past 35 years. He was born on August 1, 1935, in Gary, IN, the son of the late Bernard Nathan and Helene Lynch. At an early age, Ed was adopted by William Smith, a Chicago police officer.

After graduating high school, Ed did his undergraduate studies at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, where he received his Bachelor's degree; he then received his Master's degree in marketing from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Ed worked through college as a grocery store butcher and then began his career in sales with Anaconda Copper. He then worked in the pharmaceutical industry for Burroughs, Wellcome, which later became part of Pfizer. He then worked in home construction but left there for Berg Electronics, where he worked for 6 years. In 1971, Ed ventured into manufacturing. He and his late wife Shirley began manufacturing continuous chain terminals for the appliance industry in their garage.

The venture became Termax Corporation, which eventually provided Ed's family with a living. He retired in 1998 and sold the company to his two sons.

He is survived by his daughter, Marcella M. Marcel of Bonita Springs, FL; son, William R. Smith and his wife, Janita of Bonita Springs, FL; daughter-in-law, Kelly Smith of Palatine, IL; half-sister, Karen Bernard Kantor of New Jersey; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Shirley Janet Rutz Smith, his son, Michael W. Smith, and two grandchildren, Jamison Michael Smith and Allison Marie Smith, as well as his half-sister, Susan Rosemann.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, December 12, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Tr. So., Bonita Springs, FL. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM with Rev. Russ Winn of the Spring Church officiating. Entombment will follow at Naples Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the Springs Church of Bonita Springs, P.O. Box 3279, Bonita Springs, FL 34133.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, a Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Naples Memorial Gardens

525 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
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Funeral Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We send our deepest sympathy to Marci, Bill and families on your loss. My mom & dad (Chet & Mary) held Ed & Shirley in high regard and enjoyed visits with them. We are sad to learn that you also lost your brother, Mike. With heartfelt sadness, Rhonda (Rutz) & Paul Richards

Rhonda Richards - December 11, 2024 at 02:45 PM

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“ The Michael W Smith Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward J. Smith.

The Michael W Smith Family - December 11, 2024 at 10:04 AM

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“ The Michael W Smith Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Edward J. Smith.



The Michael W Smith Family - December 11, 2024 at 10:04 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward J. Smith.



December 10, 2024 at 12:12 PM