



James E. Smith

November 2, 1928 - February 16, 2022

James E. Smith, age 93, of Naples, FL passed away on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at Frances Georgeson Hospice House. Formerly of Akron, OH he had moved to Bonita Springs, FL in 1992 before relocating to Vi at Bentley Village in Naples in 2010.

Jim was born and raised in Canton, OH and attended Kent State University, graduating in 1950 with a degree in journalism. He was a radio newsman in Akron from 1950-1953, moving to TV in Youngstown at WKBN-TV as a promotion and public relations manager. Mr. Smith briefly returned to Akron radio as a salesman and then moved to TV sales at WEWS in 1958. As a corporate officer, Smith was active in TV acquisitions in Kansas City, Phoenix, Tampa and Detroit and also responsible for the installation and operation of a computer system in all Scripps markets. He retired as vice president and board member of what was Scripps Howard Broadcasting and is now E.W. Scripps in 1989 after a 31 year career at WEWS, Cleveland.

Survivors include his son, Douglas Smith; his daughter and son-in-law, Terri and Richard Meidlinger; and three grandchildren, Jennifer, Megan and Alicia. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Nancy Smith; and by his parents, Ralph and Dorothy Smith.

In accordance to Jim's wishes, no services will be held, however a celebration

of life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lan, Naples, FL 34105 or to the charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Smith*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Our love and sympathies to you all. Always had a great smile. Know he loved all of you, Nancy in Florida.*

Linda Malott - February 20, 2022 at 08:48 AM



“ *Jim & Nancy were two of the finest people I've ever known. As a boss Jim was intelligent & intense..... And also fair in every duty he performed. Nancy was a great friend and always so much fun to be with. God bless Doug & Terri...you were always their first loves! Sincere condolences. Mary & Dave Sapanos*

Mary Sapanos - February 18, 2022 at 08:46 PM



“ *My condolences to all family members. It's a regret of mine that I never got to know Jim very well during the 17 years the we worked in the same building at 30th and Euclid in Cleveland. News guys and sales guys seldom mixed. Only now do I realize how much Jim and I had in common. We're both from Canton, Ohio, we both graduated from Kent State and we both worked at the same radio/TV stations in Akron-WAKR, in Youngstown-WKBN before working together in Cleveland-WEWS. From all accounts, Jim was a sales warrior, he always came out on top.*

Ted Henry / California

Ted Henry - February 18, 2022 at 06:18 PM