



Joseph J. Smoljan

October 25, 1930 - February 25, 2017

Joseph J. Smoljan (1930 – 2017), of Orland Park, Illinois and most recently Naples, Florida, son of the late Anton & Sophia (née Lipnica) Smoljan and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather passed away peacefully on February 25th, 2017 at the age of 86. Born in Chicago, Illinois, “Joe” to his family and friends grew up on Chicago’s South Side. He graduated from St. Peter & Paul High School in South Chicago and was a Veteran of the Korean War. He worked for over 30 years as an installer for Western Electric, AT&T and Lucent Technologies before retiring in 1992.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Delphine Patricia (née Gerlich) Smoljan, and their four children, Anton, Arthur (Art) and wife Dianna (née Duehr), David and wife Michelle (née Klein), and daughter Jennifer and husband Moody Younger. Joe had nine grandchildren and one great grandchild, Aksel, Rachel (Toree) Sanders and daughter Jaelia, Michael & Annie Kinmann (Fiancée), Lindsay, Lauren, Kaitlyn, Jake, Cole and Courtney.

Joe is also survived by his two sisters Ann (late Joseph) Yosue, and Rose Smoljan. Preceded in death by late brother Tony Smoljan, and late sister Helen (late Earl) Santy, and half siblings Justine (late Alfred) Prentice, late John Madonich (late Catherine), late Margaret (late Clarence) O’Connor.

Uncle of many nieces and nephews. The family wishes to recognize the

AVOW Hospice organization in Naples, Florida and in lieu of flowers please direct memorials to: <http://avowcares.org/> where donations are accepted online.

Services will take place on Thursday March 2nd with a visitation at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home located at 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs Florida 34134 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, Florida 34134 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will take place at the Sarasota National Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday March 2nd.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28290 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph J. Smoljan*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



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Arlene Macha - March 03, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Smoljan.*



March 02, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Smoljan.*



March 01, 2017 at 03:31 PM

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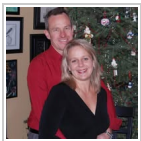
Delphine Smoljan - March 01, 2017 at 08:05 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Smoljan.



February 28, 2017 at 10:21 PM



“ My memories are from St. Michael's on the South Side where Mr. Smoljan would be managing the shuffle board at the annual bizarre. I know he let me win a few too many times as a very young child. Thank you for being such a positive memory and impact. God Bless.

Kimberly Jones - February 28, 2017 at 10:20 PM



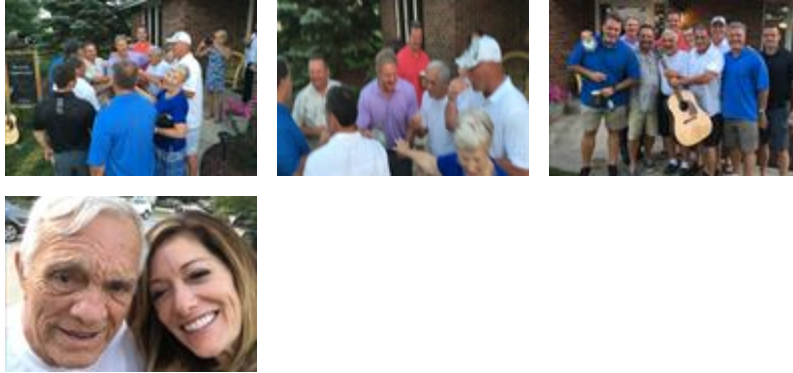
“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Smoljan.



February 28, 2017 at 05:09 PM

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“ We will never forget your smile! Zivio Mr. Smoljan! God Bless you.
John & Christine Alfirevich and family



christine alfirevich - February 28, 2017 at 04:01 PM

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“ Donna R Bergstrom purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph J. Smoljan.



Donna R Bergstrom - February 28, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Smoljan.



February 27, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Smoljan.*



February 27, 2017 at 05:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Smoljan.*



February 27, 2017 at 04:39 PM