



Thomas Wester Smith

November 28, 1924 - August 23, 2017

Thomas Wester Smith, 92 of Fort Myers, FL died Wednesday, August 23, 2017 in American House, Bonita Springs, FL. He was born on November 28, 1924 in Paris, TN a son of the late H.L. Smith and Amanda Maude Wyman Smith.

Tom grew up in Paducah, KY, where he went to Tilghman High School and graduated in 1942. Shortly after, he was accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy class of 1947 that graduated in 1946 because of the war. Tom later then attended M.I.T. and graduated in 1951 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. On March 7, 1953 Tom married Billie Safreed. Tom was Vice President of Research and Development at Vibrations Research Labs, in Tuckahoe, NY from 1953 to 1960. In 1960 he took a job in Akron, OH at McNeil Corp. He was the manager of instrument development, from where he retired in 1977. Later that year, Tom moved from Akron, OH to Fort Myers Beach, FL and became a full time residents. He enjoyed retirement, but then went back to work at Micro Control Systems in Ft. Myers, FL as a hardware engineer from 1990 to 2012.

Tom was a man of faith. He and Billie were active at Bethel Lutheran Church, in Bath, OH. They purchased a set of hand bells, and both directed and played in the hand bell choirs. After moving to Florida, Tom was an Elder at Chapel-By-The-Sea, in Ft. Myers Beach, where he designed a cross for the

church and also sang in the choir and played hand bells. On March 9, 2002 his wife Billie died. In 2003, Tom married long-time friend Bette L. Mason.

Surviving are his wife Bette L. Smith; daughter Sharon M. Smith, of Raleigh, NC and his brother Harry Smith of Boulder City, NV. Besides his parents and first wife, Tom is preceded in death by his son Thomas G. Smith.

No services are scheduled at this time. He will be interred in the family plot in Akron at a future date.

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

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“ *Thomas Wester Smith*

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