



Joseph C. Smith

December 20, 1926 - June 8, 2011

Joseph C. Smith, 84 died at 5:04 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at Alton Memorial Hospital. He was born December 20, 1926 in Alton, the son of the late Henry and Bessie Smith. He served in the U.S. Army from 1945-1947. He graduated in 1951 from Shurtleff College, where he played basketball, with a B.S. in Business Administration. He was in Management with the Olin Corporation in East Alton from 1951-1957. He was the manager-systems Analyst with the Olin Corporate headquarters in New York City from 1957-1963. Most recently he was President and CEO of J.C. Smith Construction, Inc. in Godfrey. Besides a Builder and Land Developer Mr. Smith was an avid boater the longest member of Upper Alton Baptist Church, served on the Salvation Army Board, as well as being a member of the Wood River Masonic Lodge 1062 AF & AM. In 1998, he anonymously donated the face of the bluff on the River Road for the Piasa Bird display. On August 7th, 1949, in Alton he married LaVerne Gelzinnis and she survives. Also surviving is one daughter; Barbara Eckhard and her husband Robert of Godfrey, three grandchildren; Ryan, Kyle and Josh Aulabaugh, he was preceded in death by two brothers; Charles and Henry Smith. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2011 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton with Masonic services by Wood River Masonic Lodge 1062 AF & AM at 6:00 p.m. Funeral services will be Saturday, June 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Upper Alton Baptist Church with Reverend Brad Donoho to officiate. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Upper Alton Baptist Church or Piasa Bird

Maintenance Fund c/o City of Alton.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph C. Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Joseph C. Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *thanks for all your help....*

matt curlovic - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will miss this wonderful man who has been such a great influence on my life.*

Ellen Mullarkey - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *JC was a great guy and will be missed by all that knew him. You have our deepest sympathy. Homer & Susie*

Homer & Susie Henke - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Barb,

Enjoyed your father in business and as a friend. Praying for you and family for God's special touch during this sorrow.

Dennis

Dennis Wooff - June 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *When our brother, Jerry Broyles, died, Joe was in close touch with us during his illness. There were so many wonderful things said about Joe Smith and the kindness he showed to everyone and it was so very much appreciated by our Mother, Nadine Broyles, who died Feb. 6, 2011, and all of Jerry's family and friends. Our sympathies are with the family in this sad time.*

Dixie Steck and Donna Mariner - June 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Joseph C. Smith*

John Wickenhauser - June 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I met Joe at the start of his construction career. Sometimes we had a few differences, but more often I remember the good times when he would slow down by my house and we would share many good memories and good thoughts.

My prayers are with his family.

Dale A. Kelley - June 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Joe Smith was a wonderful man and dear friend of the family. He always had something witty to say and was a great member of the community. He will be missed. LaVerne, Ryan, Kyle, Josh, Barb and Rob are in my prayers.

Kristen Gosling - June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Barb and Rob:*

Just heard about Joe - your dad and we were so sorry to hear about his passing. He was a good friend to my family (Dad) as well and Deborah and I and was always there for us. He will be missed.

We know what a trying time this must be for the family. Our prayers and with you and Joe.

John and Deborah Olmstead

John and Deborah Olmstead - June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM