

Mr. FJ Smith

April 23, 1923 - August 18, 2012

Mr. FJ “Smitty” Smith, age 89, of Fort Gratiot, passed away on August 18, 2012, in the Blue Water Hospice Home in Marysville, with his family by his side, following a sudden illness. FJ was born on April 23, 1923, in Croswell, one of four children of Martha Smith.

FJ graduated from Port Huron High School and served 3 years in the U.S. Navy, during WWII, assigned to the USS Alger (De101). He was proud of his service in the Navy and enjoyed sharing stories of those days with his family. FJ retired from AT & T, after 48 ½ years of service. He was also a lifetime member of the Charles A. Hammond American Legion Post 8, Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 and Port Huron Loyal Order of Moose.

Through the years, FJ enjoyed antique cars, traveling, playing with his dogs, spending time with his family and Detroit Tigers baseball. For many years, he could be found enjoying meals with his Coney family at Mama Vicki’s Coney Island in Fort Gratiot. He was a gentle and kind man, with a wonderful sense of humor and zest for life, who made friends everywhere he went. He will be forever cherished and admired by his loving family and friends.

FJ is survived by his love of 32 years, wife, Marcy Jacobs-Smith, 6 children; Craig (Linda) Smith of Asheville, NC, Vicki Smith of Rochester, NH, Jan Smith (Paul Fletcher) of Port Huron, Scott (Denise) Smith of Port Huron, Nita (Ron) Akred of Kimball, and Chris Jacobs of Port Huron, 10 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, who will remember his as Papa, sister; Helen (Carl) Galimore of Cocoa Beach, FL, and a brother; Ivan Smith of Port Huron.

The family would like to give special recognition to their neighboring friends; Duane and Trish Michaels and Mike, Lori, and Ryan Johnson, for all their help and support.

FJ is preceded in death by his mother; Martha Smith, grandson; Craig (CJ) Smith, sister; Eleanor Lorriane Smith and his first wife; Doris (Harbron) Smith. Funeral services will be Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 11:00 am in the Jowett Funeral Home – 1624 Lapeer Ave. at 17th St., Port Huron. The reverend John Arnold will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery. Visiting hours will be Wednesday, from 2:00pm until 8:00pm and on Thursday from 10:00am until time of service.

Pallbearers will be; Zachary Smith, Nathan Brock, Matthew Smith, Cole Bowers, Jesse Bowers and Jeremy Bowers.

In recognition of the wonderful care FJ received in his final days, in lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial tributes be made to: Blue Water Hospice Home, patient care, 2795 Edison Drive, Marysville, MI 48040.

St. Clair County Allied Veterans will conduct Military Honors.

View obituary and share memories at www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

10th Ave.
Port Huron, MI 48060

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - Port Huron
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Visitation

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Molly Ferland lit a candle in memory of Mr. FJ Smith*



Molly Ferland - November 01, 2012 at 08:50 AM

AC

“ *Angela Cuellar lit a candle in memory of Mr. FJ Smith*



Angela Cuellar - August 22, 2012 at 05:28 PM

FJ

“ *Frances Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Mr. FJ Smith*



frances jacobs - August 21, 2012 at 08:30 PM

MR

“ *Matt Jacobs & Lacey Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Mr. FJ Smith*



Matt Jacobs & Lacey Rutherford - August 21, 2012 at 08:09 PM

MP

“ *Mary And Ed Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. FJ Smith*



Mary and Ed Parker - August 21, 2012 at 03:08 PM

JG

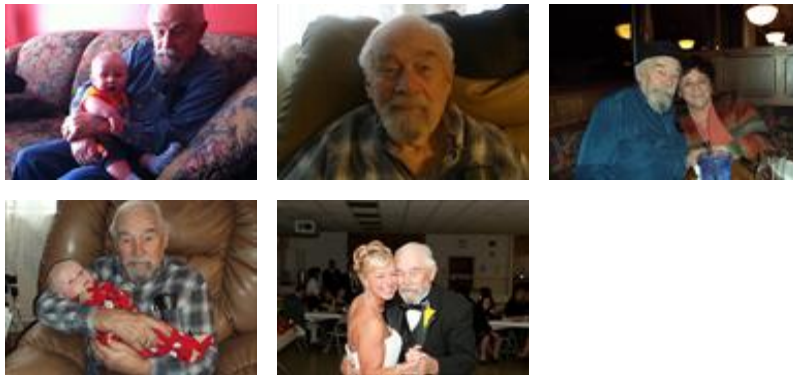
“ *Jeanne Ginzel lit a candle in memory of Mr. FJ Smith*



Jeanne Ginzel - August 21, 2012 at 02:40 PM



“ *6 files added to the album FJ*



Nita Akred - August 21, 2012 at 02:07 PM

LW

“ Liz Woodcox lit a candle in memory of Mr. FJ Smith



Liz Woodcox - August 21, 2012 at 01:01 PM

MS

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Mellisa Seamans - August 21, 2012 at 10:22 AM

MS

“ To most you were "FJ", to many you were "Smitty", to six you were "dad", to one you were "honey", and to 24 of us you were "Papa". For 42 years you held that title and you wore it better than any other man could have or ever will. We are so blessed that you are a part of us and for all of the memories we have of our time with you and the stories that you shared. Mostly I will miss holding your hand and your trademark grin and "hmp". Thinking back to when I was very small and I used to love putting on your shoes trying to walk around the house...no one will ever fill your shoes sweet man but thank you for giving us life so we can at least try to follow in your footsteps. We love you Papa.

Mellisa Seamans - August 21, 2012 at 09:44 AM

SP

“ *Marcy and Nita,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Spending time with Marcy in Atlanta made me realize what a special man FJ was and how beloved he was. Although there is nothing I can say at a time like this, I'd like to share a quote with you that brought me hope when my Mother passed.*

*Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow,
May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.*

Steven Parent - August 21, 2012 at 09:05 AM

JP

“ *John P. purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Mr. FJ Smith.*



John P. - August 21, 2012 at 09:04 AM

KW

“ *Marcy and Family, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences*

Kim Wratten

Kim Wratten - August 21, 2012 at 07:49 AM

MS

“ 3 files added to the album



Mellisa (Smith) Seamans - August 20, 2012 at 02:52 PM