



Charles "Ken" K. Smith

February 5, 1926 - October 3, 2022

Charles Kenneth "Ken" Smith of Ft. Myers, Florida, formerly of Easton, Illinois, passed away on Monday, October 3, 2022 at Joann's Hospice House in Bonita Springs, Florida.

Ken was born on February 5, 1926 in Peoria, Illinois to Charles and Alma (Hoskins) Smith. He attended Easton schools and upon graduating from Easton High School began farming with his father.

Ken served in the United States Army, First Calvary in the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged as a Master Sergeant. While in the Army, Ken met five special men in his Unit and the six remained lifelong friends. The Army Buddies and their families held get togethers for many years and the couples traveled together in later years.

On March 29, 1953 Ken married the love of his life, Marjorie Friedrich in Havana, Illinois and she survives. The couple would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in March of 2023.

In addition to his loving wife, Ken is survived by two sons, Kim (Liz) Smith of Petersburg, Illinois and Jeff (Mary Beth) Smith of Easton, Illinois. He is also survived by six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandson, as well as several nieces and nephews. Ken also leaves special friends Jeff and Ginger Little of Ft. Myers, Florida, who were a huge part of his life.

Proceeding Ken in death were his parents, in-laws, sister, Emily Ingersoll, brother-in-law, Robert, and three grandchildren, Vince and Jolene Hudspeth

and Kevin Brown.

Ken was a life-long farmer and served on many boards and organizations over his 96 years. He was a member of the Easton United Methodist Church serving in many capacities, but he was especially proud to have helped install the church's first central air conditioner. Ken was a Mason County Farm Bureau member, a life member of the Easton Optimist Club, the Lodge in Greenview, Illinois board member and past president of Menard Electrical Co-Op, board member of Easton Community School District, 4-H leader for the Easton Ramblers and member of Irrigated Growers. Ken and Marge were blessed to travel with this group of fellow farmers to many foreign countries and places in the U.S. as well.

On the 50th anniversary of the Korean Conflict, Ken and Marge were invited by the U.S. Government to be their guest and they returned to Korea for a week-long tour.

Several years ago, Ken was invited to go on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Accompanied by his son, Jeff, Ken had a wonderful day visiting all the Memorials and Monuments. The highlight of Ken's day was the cheering crowd that greeted the Veterans at the airport upon their arrival home.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Easton United Methodist Church. Following the service, a time of fellowship will be held in the church basement with refreshments being served.

Should friends and family desire, memorial contributions in Ken's memory can be made to the following: Easton United Methodist Church, Shriners Children's Hospital, or St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online condolences can be left for his family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

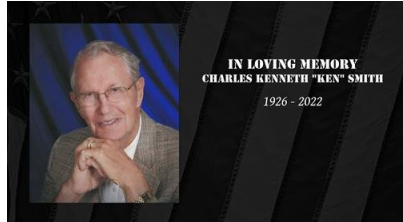
NOV **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Easton United Methodist Church
108 East Main
Easton, IL 62633

Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles "Ken" K. Smith



Hurley Funeral Home - November 17, 2022 at 10:30 AM

JS

“ Jerry Jackie Schier sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles "Ken" Smith



Jerry & Jackie Schier - November 18, 2022 at 10:54 PM

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“ -Menard Electric Cooperative purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Charles "Ken" K. Smith.



-Menard Electric Cooperative - November 18, 2022 at 10:49 AM

BS

“ My sincere condolences to all the family of Ken Smith, Bernie Sarff, Decatur, il

Bernie Sarff - November 15, 2022 at 01:29 PM

DF

“ Marjorie, Kim and Jeff, I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember one of the Easton High School Alumni banquets when Ken got up and made a speech thanking the banquet committee and me for keeping the banquet tradition going. Condolences to Ken and his family. Dorothy (Hagan) Fahs

Dorothy (Hagan) Fahs - November 03, 2022 at 10:09 AM

SS

“ Jeff, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Sherry Smith Stice



Sherry Smith Stice - November 02, 2022 at 02:50 PM

SW

“ My condolences to the family of Ken Smith and especially to Marjorie. I remember them very fondly from my high school days in Easton (class of 62) and all their support. Yes, they loved our junior year production of the play "Harvey" in which I played the role of Elwood P. Dowd (and his big white rabbit). And, it was a special opportunity to see them both and reminisce at our 50th anniversary reunion in 2012. Much love, Steve Wycoff

Steve Wycoff - November 02, 2022 at 02:20 PM

MV

“ So sorry to hear of this loss. This is such a loss to all. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Marcia Volner

Marcia Volner - November 02, 2022 at 01:01 PM

NS

“ Marge, Kim and Jeff: We are so sorry to read about Kenneth's passing. I remember my mom and dad had such good times with the gang of Kenneth and Marge, John and Dorothy, Bob and Marcia and Fritz and Betty. Our family also enjoyed the warmth of friendship from the gang. Kenneth will be missed.
Nancy and Leonard Stephens

Nancy Stephens - October 29, 2022 at 03:46 PM

BK

“ Jeff and family,
Thoughts and prayers coming your way 🙏.
We have fond memories of the old EC days, sitting in the bleachers with Marge and Ken. ❤️
Mark and Becky (Blakesley) Kraut

Becky Kraut - October 27, 2022 at 05:13 PM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles "Ken" K. Smith



Larry and Mary Hundt - October 26, 2022 at 08:39 AM

NE

“ Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Charles "Ken" Smith



Nancy Elliott - October 25, 2022 at 09:17 PM

PR

“ *Marge, Kim, Jeff and all the family,
Thanks be to God for this really great man and a long life well lived.
You have my sympathy for the loss you now feel.
Sincerely,
Paula (Sebade) Redenius*

Paula Redenius - October 25, 2022 at 08:30 PM