



Charles Franklin Smith

March 30, 1919 - March 1, 2017

Charles F. Smith, age 97 passed away peacefully on March 1, 2017, surrounded by his loving family.

Charles was born on March 30, 1919 in Detroit MI, son of the late Margaret Keough Smith and Gailard M. Smith. He moved to Toledo, OH with his parents and sister at the age of 3.

Charles attended St. John's High School until its closing and then he graduated from Central Catholic High School. Charles attended DeSales College before moving to Detroit, MI where he worked at Republic Aircraft Company. He married Suzanne Werner and lived in Detroit until he was drafted into the Army in 1944. He served 19 months, 9 of which were served in Italy during WW II. He was honorably discharged in November 1945.

Charles worked for Westinghouse Electric Supply Co until March of 1947 when he joined his father-in-law as an Insurance Agent at the C.D. Werner Insurance Agency.

Charles retired from Insurance in 1987 but continued to work by volunteering with the

"Meals on Wheels" program and at St. Anne's Hospital.

Charles and Suzanne loved to travel and enjoyed many trips in and out of the country but the most

memorable times of his life were always spent with his wife of 75 years and their 11 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who brought endless joy to his life.

Charles was a man of profound and steadfast faith in his Almighty Father, he prayed the Rosary daily providing a blanket of prayer over his family. Every evening Charles enjoyed cheese and crackers. During his last 'cheese and cracker time' he could hardly contain his joy and with a big smile on his face and his hands in a tight squeeze announced "I'm just so proud of all my kids!"

We are proud of you Daddy, and are blessed to have had you all the years we did.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents, Margaret & Gailord, his sister "Maggie", his niece

Betsy and his grandchild Melinda. He is survived by his loving wife Suzanne Werner and his 11 children, Peter (Karen), John, Greg, Gordon, Jeffrey, Martin (Karen), Pamela Hanley (Larry), Stephen (Debra), Suzanne Zychowicz (John), Christopher, Amy Mossing (James), 26 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

"Well done, good and faithful servant!" Matthew 25:21

A mass will be held on Saturday, March 4, 1:00 p.m. at Gesu Church, with a Rosary Service at 12:30. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions in honor of Charles life may be given to The Cherry Street Mission or St. Francis DeSales High School. Please leave a condolence message for the family at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.
Toledo, OH 43607

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR 4. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Gesu
2049 Parkside Blvd
Toledo, OH 43607

Funeral

MAR 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Marty, Karen and Andrew, and family, Our prayers are with you at this time. May the Lord shine perpetual light on him. Rest in peace faithful servant of God. such an example of a great life for all to follow.*

Karen Ruffner - March 06, 2017 at 10:06 AM

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peace to all the family and comfort Karen and Paul Ruffner

Karen Ruffner - March 06, 2017 at 10:07 AM

JK

“ *Marty, Gordon, Sue and John,*

May I extend my deepest sympathy at this time and say my thoughts have been with you since I heard of the death of your father. There's a lonesomeness after the death of one's parent, I want you to know that your friends are thinking of you and sympathizing with you in this time of your great loss. All my best.

John Kolbeck

John Kolbeck - March 04, 2017 at 09:57 AM

BO

“ *Amy & Jim, You have my sympathy*

Bob Smith

Bob - March 04, 2017 at 08:14 AM

MB

“ *Mr. Smith always offered a warm smile and kind word. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the Smith family. Mary Ann Iannone Bell*

mary ann bell - March 03, 2017 at 11:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Franklin Smith.*



March 03, 2017 at 09:43 AM

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“ *Michele & Ron Scherzinger (Jingles) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charles Franklin Smith.*



Michele & Ron Scherzinger (Jingles) - March 03, 2017 at 09:18 AM

MS

“ *Michele Scherzinger sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Franklin Smith*



Michele Scherzinger - March 03, 2017 at 08:11 AM

TS

“ Susan ,Greg and the rest of the family.The Sherman family wish to express our deep sympathy at the loss of a truly fine man We hope that your grief passes quickly

Tom,Lori ,Sydney and the rest of the Sherman Family

thomas sherman - March 02, 2017 at 05:50 AM