



## Verne A. Smith

March 8, 1939 - March 30, 2025

Verne A. Smith, 86, of St. Louis, Missouri, passed away peacefully from natural causes on March 30, 2025. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Vernetta C. and Helen. (nee Hoech) Smith, dear brother, Ronald S. Smith, and his beloved pet, Aggie.

Verne attended Ritenour High School and The University of Missouri in St. Louis. His working career was entirely at Southwestern Bell/AT&T and he actually signed the beam during construction of the new 909 Chestnut Street downtown building.

Verne had a great sense of humor, often bringing in references to 15th and 16th century life events. He had a love for Film Noir movies, and the classics with a huge book collection (a steady customer of Left Bank Books). Anyone who met him described him as a well-educated, courteous and fastidious gentleman with an unbelievable memory and a gift for conversation. He's never missed an opportunity to vote, proud to be an avid Democrat!

During his recent illness Verne was heard to say many times, "My body is failing me but my mind is still sharp".

Verne will be missed by his close friends of many years: Darrell and Shirley Carroll of Brooklyn Ohio; Bob Hansman of St. Louis, Missouri; John Hackett and Scott Davis of Orlando Florida; and Pauline Smick of St. Louis, Missouri. A special thanks to the following who cared for Verne in his last few years with grace, love and respect: Steven and Cindy Spence; Wendy Torres and Chas Marfisi.

A private interment will take place at Valhalla Cemetery. Tributes may be left on this site.

The picture of Verne was taken at one of Verne's favorite spots at The Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis, Missouri.

# Cemetery Details

## **Valhalla Cemetery**

7600 St Charles Rock Road  
St Louis, MO 63133

# Tribute Wall

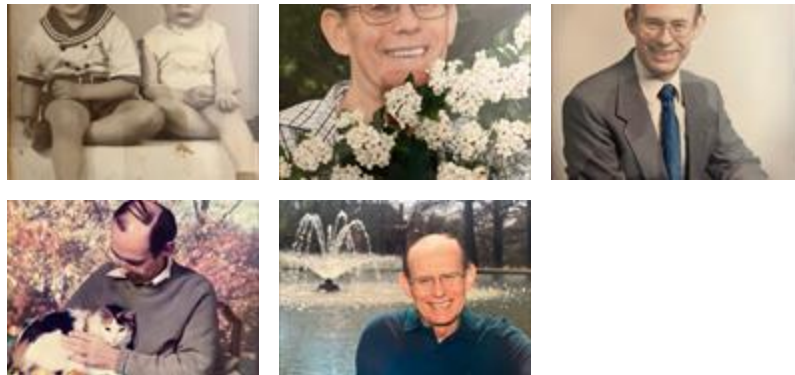


“ Oh Vernie my friend what a great times we spent together we laughed we cried and talked about so much you truly have a special place in my heart i was so blessed to be a part of your life. i will carry the memories in my heart forever fly high with the angels and rest in peace love and miss you! you did good!!!!!!

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