



## Mr. William "Mr. Bill" D. Smith

March 29, 1925 - February 2, 2017

The Lord called William D. Smith home on Thursday, February 2, 2017. He passed peacefully in his home near his loving wife Ruby Smith.

William Dee Smith, the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, was born on March 29, 1925, in the small southeast Missouri town of Portageville. In 1938 at the age of 13, Smith moved to St. Louis where he attended Washington Technical High School. After high school, he played baseball in the prestigious Vashon Park Amateur League, and participated in two St. Louis Cardinals' baseball tryout camps and one New York Yankee tryout camp.

On June 15, 1947, Bill married Ruby Harris and the couple's union lasted for sixty-nine years.

After working for over forty years, Mr. Smith retired and took a job at Schnucks where he was recognized as a store favorite.

Mr. Smith began volunteering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri in 1972. He was also a volunteer at Ronald McDonald House and an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife Ruby Smith, daughter Rhonda Smith, son Gentry Smith, grandson Timothy Smith, sister Hattie McClain, and a host of family and friends. He's preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.



# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Cemetery

7600 St Charles Rock Road  
St Louis, MO 63133

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Valhalla Funeral Chapel, Crematory and Cemetery  
7600 St. Charles Rock Road  
St. Louis, MO 63133  
(314) 721-4900

## Funeral Ceremony

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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7600 St. Charles Rock Road  
St. Louis, MO 63133  
(314) 721-4900

# Tribute Wall

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“ Rhonda,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Much love,  
The Monday Morning Bible Study Group

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**Barbara Fraser** - February 08, 2017 at 10:53 AM



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**Valhalla Funeral Chapel, Crematory and Cemetery** - February 03, 2017 at 11:54 AM