



## Frank M. Smith

December 18, 1932 - May 8, 2022

Frank M. Smith, 89, of Evansville, passed away Sunday, May 8, 2022 at the West River Health Campus.

Frank was born December 18, 1932 in Henderson, KY to the late George and Josephine (Trimborn) Smith, the youngest of twelve children. He graduated from Holy Name High School in 1952 and served in the United States Navy from 1952 to 1956. Frank was a GMM3 and served on the USS Tingney and LSM(R). He served for a year and a half on each ship. He was stationed in Hong Kong and Hawaii and patrolled the Korean Peninsula. Frank sent his mother a set of china from Japan during a visit there. Frank had the honor of being part of Honor Flight of Southern Indiana EVV7 on October 22, 2017.

When Frank came back stateside, he started work for Chrysler until company moved. He then went to work for Arkla/Dometic until 1988. In 1990, Frank started his "semi-retirement" job at Buehler's on Main Street until finally fully retiring in 2012.

In 1958, Frank and Tom Scheller went to Lamey's Dance Hall where Frank met the love of his life, Jacqueline Major. Frank and Jackie married on September 16, 1961 at St. Benedict Cathedral and in November of that year officially became "westsiders" buying their first home in Western Terrace and joining Corpus Christi Church. Frank was involved at Corpus Christi and the

Mater Dei Men's Club for many years. He also coached Little League when his son played at Corpus Christi.

Surviving Frank are a daughter, Pamela (Kenneth) Schaefer; son, Rodney Eric (Tiffany Foley) Smith; granddaughters, Tabitha, Brianna and Holly Schaefer and Lily Smith; sister, Helen (Smith) Martin-Tuebner; brother-in-law, Leland Lammle of Jacksonville, FL; sisters-in-law, Margaret (Schlachter) Smith of Henderson, KY and Patricia (Major) Poole of McKinney, TX. Frank is also survived by his longtime friend and "adopted" brother, Jon (Kathy) Black, along with his work family from Buehler's on Main Street, many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Frank was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Jacqueline (Major) Smith in 2002; by siblings, Sr. Josephine Smith, Mary Louise Mingus, George Smith, Thomas Smith, Catherine Spalding, Anna Theresa Smith, Charles Smith, Agnes Thurmond, William Smith and James Smith.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 7:00 PM on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 12:30 PM until service time on Saturday at Corpus Christi Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Honor Flight of Southern Indiana, P.O. Box 8234, Evansville, IN 47716 or to Corpus Christi Church, 5528 Hogue Road, Evansville, IN 47712. Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).



# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN 47712  
(812) 423-6471  
info@pierrefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

MAY 14. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church  
5528 Hogue Road  
Evansville, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

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Corpus Christi Catholic Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Frank M. Smith*

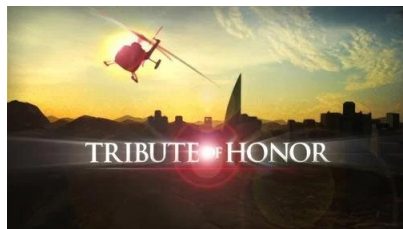


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**Pierre Funeral Home** - May 11, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank M. Smith*



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“ *Frank M. Smith*

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

CS

“ On behalf of Ray and Carol (Smith) Schmittgens, we would like to send our condolences to Eric and Pam and their families. We just loved Uncle Frankie - such a sweet, engaging and caring person he was. Any time we were ever around him, we just loved having conversations with him. I'm sure you are and will miss him terribly.

All our condolences,

Carol Smith-Schmittgens  
(Uncle Tommy's daughter in St. Louis)

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Carol Schmittgens - May 13, 2022 at 04:18 PM

CS

Sorry this is a bit late in sending - we just found out today.

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Carol Schmittgens - May 13, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Frank M. Smith.



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May 13, 2022 at 06:41 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank M. Smith.



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May 12, 2022 at 12:44 AM

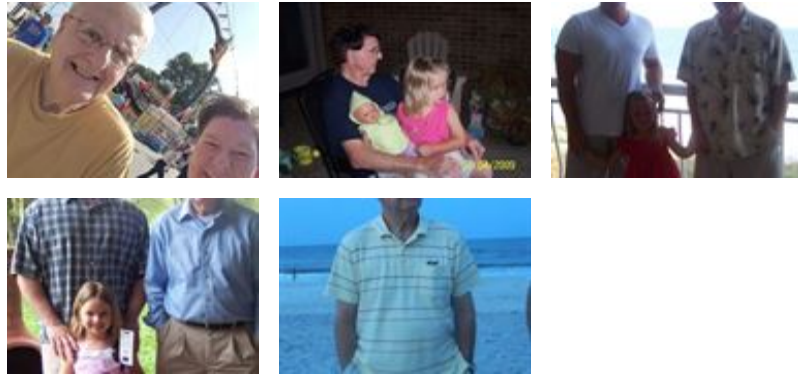
EM

“ Frank was in our Wedding - He was a true Gentleman - He never failed to send us a Christmas Card. He will be missed. Mark and Eleanor Martin

Eleanor Martin - May 11, 2022 at 04:06 PM



“ 171 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pierre Funeral Home - May 11, 2022 at 11:26 AM

SH

“ Stephanie H. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Frank M. Smith.



Stephanie H. - May 10, 2022 at 02:08 PM

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“ *Stephanie H. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Frank M. Smith.*



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**Stephanie H.** - May 10, 2022 at 02:08 PM

LH

“ *Our sympathy upon the passing of Mr Frank Smith. I remember him as a real gentleman, kind, easy-going and friendly. My mother and my aunt were residents at West River for several years and all of the liked Frank. May he now have eternal rest with the Lord as Frank was a good and faithful servant on this Earth.*

*Linda (Waterman) Huebschman*

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**Linda K Huebschman** - May 10, 2022 at 01:55 PM

AH

“ With a heavy heart, I am filled with many wonderful memories Of Frank Aka “ Papa Frank”. I had the pleasure of being his Daughter-In-Law for many years, sharing our lives with him. I have never met a more caring, loving, generous and Christian man. He devoted so much of his free time to his family and to his faith. Papa Frank was a wonderful Grandfather, to our daughter Lily Smith and never missed an event for her and loved her dearly. Frank was with me when I went into Labor with our daughter on that day of March 16th, of 2006. I could tell some very funny stories of how he snapped into action that very day when my water broke and will always Cherish so many more wonderful memories that will forever be in-bedded in my heart for Frank. What brings me peace is after nearly 20 years next June, He has been reunited with his beautiful Jackie again, may they forever live in eternity sharing their love together. Your in a beautiful place now Frank. With all my heart, I loved you dearly. Prayers and my deepest condolences to Eric and Family.  
Amanda Smith-Hammett

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**Amanda Smith Hammett** - May 10, 2022 at 09:51 AM

MM

“ Eric Smith and family, the Mulherin family offers our prayers and condolences during this time of mourning. We are sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Frank Smith was a great man, kind, caring, and compassionate. I have fond memories of my life specially childhood memories of him driving us to the movies and sleepovers with friends. He lived a good life and will be missed. Rest In Peace Mr. Smith.

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**Matthew Mulherin** - May 10, 2022 at 09:02 AM

JJ

“ Janet Johnson lit a candle in memory of Frank M. Smith



Janet Johnson - May 09, 2022 at 06:15 PM

FC

“ From Celanese purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Frank M. Smith.



From Celanese - May 09, 2022 at 05:21 PM