



James Prentis Smith, Sr.

January 27, 1937 - May 22, 2012

James Prentis Smith, Sr., of Newport News, VA, died at the home of his son in Centreville, MD, on Tuesday, May 22, 2012. He was 75.

Born in Norfolk, VA, on January 27, 1937, he was the son of the late, Prentis P. and Edwynne Parker Smith. He was a graduate of the Augusta Military Academy of Fort Defiance, Class of 1956, and attended Capitol Radio Engineering Institute in Washington, D.C. While In college, he met Armanda at a youth church group in Washington, DC, and they later married on November 23, 1958. Following his marriage, he served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1964. The couple lived in Hyattsville, MD, and in 1977, they moved to the Eastern Shore where they raised their family. He worked at Westinghouse as an electrical engineer for 31 years.

He loved sailing, photography, but his greatest joy in life was his family.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Smith is survived by two sons, James P. Smith, Jr., and his wife, Ann of Centreville, MD, and Jeff P. Smith and his wife, Jenifer of Newport News, VA; four grandchildren, Parker Smith, Summer Smith, James Smith, and Jenna Smith; and a sister, Nellie Schultz of Newport News, VA.

A visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday May 27, 2012, at his home in Virginia.

Memorial donations may be made to the Menchville Baptist Church to the “pay it forward” Fund, Menchville Baptist Church, 248 Menchville Road, Newport News, VA 23602.

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