



## Lee James Smith Jr.

May 19, 2003

Lee James “Jimmy” Smith, Jr. of Easton, MD died at his home on Monday, May 19, 2003. He was 80.

Born November 7, 1922 in Hurlock, MD, he was the son of the late Lee James & Hilda Legates Smith. Following graduation from Preston High School in 1940, he worked at the Federal Land Bank in Baltimore. In 1942 he entered the Aviation Cadet Flight training program and at graduation became a pilot and officer in the U.S. Army Air Corp. In 1944 he entered active duty as a pilot with the 314th Transport Squadron, 9th Air Force. The 314th flew supplies, munitions, and gasoline to troop positions and evacuated wounded from Omaha Beach back to England. Mr. Smith flew missions in northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, central Europe and Normandy. He received five battle stars (European, Africa, Middle Eastern Service Medal), the Air Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. Following his release from active duty in 1946, he worked as a pilot for Allegany Airlines. In 1953 he began a career with the Higgins and Spencer Furniture Store in St. Michaels, MD where he remained until retiring in 1984. After retirement he became a collector and restorer of antique clocks.

He attended St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, Easton, MD.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, the former Mary Spencer, whom he married

in 1950; two daughters, Laurie S. Gaffney of Steamboat Springs, CO and Jenny S. Kade and her husband, Fritz of Easton; three grandchildren, Evan, Charlie and Laura. A sister, Bonnie Saunders is deceased.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2003 at 2:00 PM at St. Mark's United Methodist Church where friends may call one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be at Jr. Order Cemetery, Preston, MD.

Memorial donations may be made to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton, MD 21601 or St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 Peachblossom Rd., Easton, MD 21601.

Arrangements are by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Easton.

# Tribute Wall



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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM