



## Jacob William "Jack" Smith

January 16, 1925 - April 8, 2015

Jacob William "Jack" Smith, age 90, of Holland passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Holland Hospital. Jack graduated from Holland High School and the Ferris State College of Pharmacy; served in the US Navy during WWII, last serving aboard the Escort Carrier USS Saginaw Bay CVE-82 as a Pharmacist Mate 2nd Class; and, along with his wife, Helen Jean Smith, owned and operated Wade Drug Co. for 40 years, retiring in 1990. Jack also served on Holland City Council, was Past President of Holland Rotary Club, Past Commodore of Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (1982-1986) where he was affectionately known as the "Kiddie Commodore" for all his support to junior sailing, and served on the Retail Advisory Councils of Bell and Howell, Canon, and Humiston-Keeling Drug Companies. Jack was a member of Christ Memorial Church. Jack and Helen met while both were serving in the US Navy and were married in 1946 by a Navy Chaplain on board the USS Saginaw Bay in the Hunters Point Navy Ship Yard. They were married for 69 years. In addition to his wife, Jack is survived by his daughter, Cheri Smith of Holland; son, Scott Alan and Sara Smith of Beaverdam; grandchildren, Benjamin Jacob and Marie Smith, Jason and Debbie Sprawka (Reid, Morgan), Joshua and Angela Smith (Jackson, Wyatt), Jeremy and Jennifer Smith (Taylor), Jessica Smith (Kalob). Visitation is scheduled for 4-6pm on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E 16th St., Holland. A memorial service with Military Honors will be held 1:00pm Monday, April 20, 2015 at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Rd., Holland (please use

entrance C – Main Sanctuary). Rev. Bill Boersma will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland and Hope College Athletic Department.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jacob William "Jack" Smith*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"I had the privilege of working for Jack (and Helen, and Jack's mother Marie) at Wade Drug in the late 60's and early 70's. Jack was so inspiring to me, during the years that I worked for him. I attended high school with his son Scott, and later attended Hope College with his daughter Cheri. They always treated me as family, not just an employee. I learned so much from working for Jack and Helen. The things that Jack taught me, have stayed with me for my entire life. Thank you Jack. My sincere condolences are with your family. Rest in peace."*

**Scott Harthorne** - June 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I just heard the news about Jack. The Fitch family thought the world of Jack and the time spent chatting with him at Wade's Drug store. I want to offer you my sympathy and the sympathy of the rest of the Fitch family."*

**Kevin Fitch** - April 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I have great memories working at Wade's Drug Store in the 60s. Jack hired me when I was only 14 yrs. old. It was my first real job experience. I started out at \$.75 an hour. Thank you, Jack and Helen, for allowing me to work at Wade's."*

**Mary B** - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“Dear Helen - and, yes, dear Jack - getting a candy just before choir warm up on Sunday was something I always looked forward to. And, yes, also giving you a hug and listen to those fun little remarks Jack made! Now he gets a big hug from our Lord and they have a lot to talk about. I am sure, our Lord enjoys one or two candies himself?  
My thoughts and prayers are sent across the ocean! May God bless you and give you peace and strength.  
I have to sing a solo this Sunday and I will dedicate it to you: The Lord Bless You and Keep You (by JohnRutter).  
Yours faithfully - Carola from Germany”

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**Carola Dettmar** - April 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“Fair winds and calm seas... Rest in peace and thank you for your service to this Country! Please say high to Capt. Roy E. Farmer USN ret who passed away just last week at the age of 91 1/2. You both were cut from the same stock who were this nation's finest in this country's time of need.”

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**Dave Farmer** - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM