



Larry Smith

October 30, 1929 - April 30, 2015

Larry Smith, age 85 of Zeeland went home to be with his Lord and Savior Thursday, April 30, 2015. He was born in Nebraska on October 30, 1929 to Arthur and Edith Smith. Larry enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1948 where he served for 20 years. Larry owned and operated Zeeland Book Shop for 13 years. He was the Past President of the Zeeland Lions Club, the Past President of Zeeland Rotary Club, he served on the Zeeland Public School Board for 7 years and was a member of First Reformed Church of Zeeland. Larry was preceded in death by his son Lawrence D. Smith Jr. in 1969, his parents Arthur and Edith Smith, his siblings: Irene Jaenicke, Doris Metzler and Joseph Neil Smith. He is survived by his wife of 53 years Jane Vander Velde Smith; his children: Tony Harmer, A.J. and Kristin Smith, Chris and Jill Smith; 4 grandchildren: Kaleb Smith, Emily Smith, Kaitlyn Smith and Joseph Harmer. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, 2015 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland and from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Monday prior to the service at First Reformed Church of Zeeland, 125 East Lincoln Ave, Zeeland. The funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. The Reverends Scott Van Oostendorp and Tom Grabill will officiate. Memorial contributions may be given to First Reformed Church Mission Fund. www.yntemafh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Smith*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Smitty, knowing you was truly a pleasure. Serving in the Army with you was an honor. RIP Smitty!"*

Jerry Krane - April 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"It's a sad day in the world today. We have lost a great man. But our loss is Heavens gain. I always enjoyed when Uncle Lawrence and Aunt Jane would come to Tekamah to visit. He always had a joke or funny story to tell. Never heard him say a cross word. Recently after my dad passed away I started a little project to collect photos and duty stations of all my relatives who served in the Military. I was truly amazed at the breadth and scope of his military service when he sent me his list. There was a particular photo I had seen in the past of Uncle Lawrence with a handlebar mustache wearing a cavalry hat with a monkey perched on his shoulder. I had heard he wrote a children's book about a monkey perhaps this monkey was the catalyst for that story... Now I am probably combining several pictures and memories into one but that is the picture I have in my mind and that's the one I would like to remember, a warrior poet with a generous heart, indomitable spirit and whimsical nature."*

Jeff Feuerbacher - May 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *"We are so sorry to hear about Smitty's passing away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jim & Lil Huisingh"*

A friend - May 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *One of the good guys, RIP Major.* ”

Jason Wolters - May 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM