



William "Bill" Edward Smith

July 8, 1928 - November 13, 2024

William "Bill" Edward Smith stopped making music on November 13, 2024, at age 96.

He was born July 8, 1928, to the late Russell and Lillian Smith of Louisville. Bill was a Navy veteran of WWII, member of Shively Masonic Lodge #951 and Kosair Shriners. He was in the Sand Bug Club, and a charter member of the Street Machine Club. Bill's mechanic skills were well known at Kosair and Cedar Creek Race Strip and the Pushrods Car Club of the 1950's. He retired from Mac Trucks and the Louisville Airport Authority. He played music with a country band in the 1950's. Bill taught this to his grandsons to pick and enjoy their time together.

Preceded in death by his parents, loving wife Adah Wilke.

Survived by his two daughters, Jacque Mitchell (Roger), and Candy Embry (Ed). His three grandsons, Lance Hancock (Annie), Keith Brown (Megan), Michael Embry (Cindy) and great grandchildren Anthony, Gracie, Maeve, Dylan, Jackson; brother Frank Smith (Helen) of Lanesville, Indiana and many nieces and nephews.

Masonic service will be Thursday November 21, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Funeral service will be Friday November 22, 2024, at 11:00am Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway with burial to follow St. Andrews Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday from 2:00-8:00pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of donations, family request donations be made to U of L Brown Cancer Center or Hosparus.

Cemetery Details

St. Andrews Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Service

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I have one thing to say about Uncle Bill - he is the best man I ever met.*

Bonnie Smith - November 17, 2024 at 06:59 PM

DH

“ *Prayers Sent from the Kentucky Motorsports Hall of Fame*

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