



Mervin K Smith

December 29, 1922 - December 14, 2014

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1922 - 2014

PRINCETON — Mervin K. Smith, 91 of Princeton passed away Sunday, December 14, 2014 at Perry Memorial Hospital. There will be a Funeral Service December 20, 2014 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Princeton at 10:30 AM. Pastor Scott Schmidt will officiate. The family will receive friends during a visitation at St. Matthew's from 9:00 – 10:30 AM prior to the service. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery in Princeton.

Merv was born on December 29, 1922, in Chicago to F. Mervin and Elmira (Kendall) Smith. He graduated from Maine Township High School in Park Ridge in 1940. He then attended Northwestern University, Evanston, IL graduating in the class of 1944. On February 16, 1945 he married Nancy Olsen at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge, IL. They were married for 69 years.

Merv worked at Chicago Federal Savings and Loan for 2 years. The family moved to Princeton in 1950 where he worked for LCN for 39 years. In 1961, he was appointed Controller, rising to Administrative Manager in 1967 and Division Controller in 1974. Merv retired in 1987.

Merv served in the United States Navy Supply Corp. from November of 1942

to May 1946. He earned the rank of LT. (jg).

He was an active member in the Princeton Jaycees. He served on the Board of Directors at Perry Memorial Hospital from 1973-1998, and was a past president. He was a Greenfield Board of Directors member for over 30 years and had served as Chairman. He was a member of the Bureau Valley Country Club. He was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, served on the Church Council and was treasurer for many years.

Family was always most important to Merv. He also had a passion for golf. He also loved computers, reading, working puzzles and watching sports.

Surviving Merv are his wife, Nancy, a sister Janice Edgerley, 3 daughters Fran Pinter, Carol (Gary) Nelson, Barb (Dave) Coates and a daughter-in law Linda Smith Berry. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren Janette (Luke) Welch, Krista Pinter, Eric (Erika) Pinter, Jenni (Greg) Costello, Lindsey (Matt) Jarvis, Leslie Smith, Matt (Amber) Nelson, Sarah (James) Shields, Katie (Mike) Selberg, Andy (Lacie Bray) Coates, 8 great-grandchildren; Karagen, Tanner and Cooper Welch, Owen and Olivia Nelson, Truitt Coates, Henry Selburg, Evalyn Costello and great-grandchild due in 2015, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Dr. Richard M. Smith, a brother Charles Smith and a son-in-law Gilbert Pinter.

In lieu of flowers Memorials may be directed to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Perry Memorial Hospital or to Greenfield Retirement Home.

Norberg Memorial Home is in charge of arrangements.
Online condolences may be left at www.norbergfh.com

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356