



Royce Edwin Smith

November 9, 1932 - July 13, 2019

Passed away July 13, 2019 in Alexandria, Virginia. Royce was born in Trenton, Nebraska November 9, 1932. He graduated from Lexington High School in 1950. After graduation he joined the Air Force in 1951 and served his country for four years, including 14 months during the Korean War. During his time in the Air Force he earned The Bronze Service Star, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Korea President Unit Citation, and Meritorius Unit Citation.

After he completed his military service, he met and married Joan Carolyn Smith in 1955, they were married at the Millville United Methodist Church. He enjoyed a successful career in communications while working for Western Union, GTE and Contel and retired in 1994.

Royce was a longtime member of Cameron United Methodist Church for over 50 years. His hobbies included gardening, jigsaw puzzles but most of all spending time with his family. He was a devoted husband and father. He was always ready to have a cookout or just watch the game or movies. His family will cherish memories of beach, camping, fishing trips and holiday gatherings. He is preceded in death by his parents, Theo Hoyt and Augusta Molly Smith. He is survived by his wife of 64 years Joan C. Smith; children, Mark Edwin Smith (Teresa), Brenda Carol Soltis (Joseph), Holly Suzann Foster (Tracy), and Matthew A. Smith (Joanne); grandchildren, April Smith, Chris Smith (Kimberly), Dawn Soltis, Lauren Soltis, Morgan Foster, Jacob Smith and Lucas Smith; and great-grandchildren, Chloe, Keyon and Ava.

Relatives and friends may call at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, VA Thursday July 18, 2019 at 11:30 AM, where a funeral service will be held at 1PM. Interment Mt. Comfort Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cameron United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Comfort Cemetery

6600 South Kings Highway
Alexandria, VA 22306

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Cameron United Methodist Church
3130 Franconia Rd
Alexandria, VA 22310

Service

JUL 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

JUL 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Comfort Cemetery
6600 South Kings Highway
Alexandria, VA 22306

Tribute Wall



“ Royce Edwin Smith

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ I worked with R.E. while with Western Union and he was always such a nice person to work with. I am so sorry to know that he has passed away. His memory will be with me always.

Gary D. Carter - August 16, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ Our prayers are with Joan and family
I started working with RE 1957 Washington I street shop
He was great man and will surely be missed

Roy & Juline Rumsey

Roy Rumsey - July 18, 2019 at 03:05 PM



“ ROYCE AND MY SELF WERE ALWAYS SUPPORTIVE OF EACH OTHER AND WOULD ALWAYS SET UP FOR THE MEN'S GROUP. WILL BE MISSED. REST IN PEACE

HENRY MCPHERSON

HENRY MCPHERSON - July 18, 2019 at 12:36 PM

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“ *R.E Smith
Please Rest in Peace (R.I.P.)
Gus Hernandez & family.*

Gustavo Hernandez - July 17, 2019 at 07:33 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of
Royce Edwin Smith.*



July 17, 2019 at 07:13 PM

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“ *Stacey and Chris Blevins & Claire and Fred
Kunkle purchased the Medium Dish Garden for
the family of Royce Edwin Smith.*



Stacey and Chris Blevins & Claire and Fred Kunkle - July 17,
2019 at 09:42 AM

CM

“ *I was so saddened to hear of R.E.'s passing. I worked with Smitty
starting with WU. He was always kind and such a nice person. My
deepest condolences to Joan and his family. I know he will be
missed.
Cathy Maxson*

Catherine Maxson - July 17, 2019 at 12:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Royce Edwin Smith.



July 16, 2019 at 11:06 AM