



John E. Smith

October 1, 1924 - January 5, 2003

Middletown - John E. Smith, 78, Middletown, died January 5, 2003 at St. Johns Health System, Anderson Indiana after failing health since October. He was born October 1, 1924 in Alexandria, Indiana, and resided in Middletown, Indiana. He lived in this area all of his life. He retired January 1, 1972 from Indiana Michigan Electric Company. He graduated from Harrison High School in Harrison Township in 1943. He served as a Ship's Cook in the Merchant Marines from August 30, 1944 until March 25, 1945. He was a member of the Mechanicsburg Masonic Lodge #392, Eagles Lodge and founder and past President of the Hoosier Model T Ford Club. He judged Model T's for over 30 years at the Hoosier Auto Show & Swap Meet in Marion County. He is survived by his One Brother: James & wife Etta Jean Smith of Orlando, Florida. Friend and caregiver: Christine Sonoff of Middletown. Several Nieces & Nephews. He was preceded by his wife: Virginia C. Copper Smith. Parents: Oliver & Vona Purdue Smith. Two Brothers: George Smith and Paul E. Smith. Sister: Marie Cole. Companion for the last 18 years: Helen Sonoff. Services will be Thursday, January 9, 2003 at 11:30 AM, at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home & Crematory, South Chapel. 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson., with Chaplin Donald White officiating. Burial will be in Mechanicsburg Cemetery-Mechanicsburg . Visitation will be from 4-8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 8, 2003 at funeral home, south chapel. A Masonic Service will be held Wednesday, January 8, 2002 at 7:00 PM and Military Graveside Rites will be by the VFW Post #266. Contributions may be made to Mechanicsburg

Masonic Lodge #392 Building Fund www.LooseFuneralHomes.com

Tribute Wall

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“ So very sorry to hear about John. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Pete and Liz Priddy

Liz Priddy - January 15, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ John Smith was always kind to me. I am thankful for the time I had with John and appreciated him being there for my mother. I will miss him.

Christine Sonoff - January 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ To a great uncle who will be missed by me & alot of other people. You had a good sense of humor and allways had time to socialize.

George W Smith Jr. - January 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM