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Joseph A. Smith, 75

March 14, 1921 - Dec. 11, 1996

SYCAMORE, IL - Joseph A. Smith, 75, of Sycamore, died Dec. 11, 1996, at the Swedish-American Hospital in Rockford, IL. He was born March 14, 1921, in Manilla, son of John A. and Sadie M. (McAndrews) Smith.

He married Barbara J. Kidd in 1949 in DeKalb. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army, the Seventh Armored Division in Europe. He was a tech sergeant, receiving two purple hearts and three battle stars. He was a master carpenter for Northern Illinois University for 19 years. He was a member of the Sycamore Elks Club, the DeKalb Moose, the Sycamore VFW Post 5768, and past secretary of Carpenters' Union 790.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara, and three brothers, John, William and Francis Smith. He is survived by three sons, Michael J. (Kathryn) Smith of Sycamore, IL; Paul C. (Patty) Smith of Rockford, IL and Kevin Smith of Sycamore, IL; seven grandchildren; one brother, Gene (Marion) Smith of Portsmouth; three sisters, Monica (Harold) Kleffman of Harlan; Catherine (Dr. Herman) Jokerest of St. Augustine, FL and Margaret Gross of Portsmouth; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services were held Dec. 14, 1996, at the Butala Funeral Home with Rev. Stephen Persson officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Sycamore, IL.