

Gene Smith, 83

April 2, 1924 - Dec. 26, 2007

AVOCA — Gene Smith, age 83 of Avoca, Iowa formerly of Portsmouth, IA passed away in Avoca on December 26, 2007. Gene was born April 2, 1924, in Manilla, IA to the late John J. and Sarah (McAndrews) Smith. He served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII, serving in the Philippines and Korea. While in the Army, Gene was a sharpshooter.

Gene married Marian Raymond on February 3, 1948 in Portsmouth, IA. He was a farmer for 33 years retiring in 1977. Gene was a member of St. Mary's, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth and Portsmouth American Legion Post #547, where he served as commander in 1962-1963.

Gene was preceded in death by his son, Patrick Smith, sisters, Margaret Gross, Catherine Jokerst, brothers, John, William and Joe Smith, daughter-in-law, Audrey Blum Smith and son-in-law Bob Andrews. Gene is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marian Smith of Avoca, 6 daughters, Jennifer King (Rick) of Kansas City, Mo., Nanette Benscoter (Larry) of Nebraska City, NE, Gail Hashemitoroghi (Hashem) of Ames, IA, Geri Marshall (Rick) of Bethel Island, CA, Jeannie Smith and Mary Lou Gift (Richard) all of Austin, TX, 5 sons, Denny Smith of Plattsmouth, NE, Jack Smith of Harlan, IA, Chris Smith (Gay) of Waterloo, NE, Tim Smith (Robyn) of Yakima, WA, Jay Smith of Plattsmouth, NE, 20 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, sister, Monica Kleffman of Harlan, IA, nieces, nephews, godchildren, sisters-in-law, Rosalee Byrnes (Pat) of Harlan, IA, and Marcella Smith of Earling, IA.

Visitation with the family was held Sunday from 4-6 p.m. with a wake service at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Portsmouth. Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, December 31, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church with Reverends John Dorton and John Frost co-officiating. Military rites were conducted at the conclusion of the Mass by the Portsmouth American Legion. A lunch immediately followed in the parish hall. Memorials were suggested to a charity of the donor's choice.



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