

Obituary

Floyd Paul Smith, son of Elmer Alvin and Ilean Lucinda (Embree) Smith, was born on January 7, 1937, in Clarinda, Iowa and passed away on Monday, July 24, 2000, at the Shenandoah Memorial Hospital. He was 63 years of age.

Paul's early childhood was spent in Clarinda before moving to Shenandoah, where he spent the rest of his life. He attended Shenandoah High School and played football for the Mustangs. He graduated with the Class of 1957. On June 27, 1957, Paul was united in marriage to Kay Cramer in Shenandoah, Iowa. Paul had over 27 years of faithful service to his country with 22 years as a National Guard Reserve. He began his years of service on October 18, 1954, at the age of 17. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and was certified in the following disciplines: indirect fire crewman, sharpshooter, rifleman, and marksman. He was transferred to the Retired Reserve in recognition of his honorable service and continued interest in the defense of our nation in April of 1982. He retired from service on January 7, 1997.

Paul worked at Farmaster as a piece worker from January 1964 through May 1974 and Starcraft in Red Oak as a press operator from May 1974 through September 1974. He worked at Davey's Skelly in Shenandoah as an attendant and mechanic from October 1974 through February 1979 and at Earl May's in the seed department and as field worker from December 1980 through October 1990. Paul was a member of the Eagles Club, Amvets, Events Security and the National Guard Bowling League. He enjoyed old western movies, baseball (especially the Chicago Cubs) and bowling (he had won many bowling trophies).

Preceding Paul in death were his parents; three brothers, Elmer, Jr., Donald and Kenneth Smith; and two sisters, Lois and Sharon Smith.

Survivors include his children, Sharon Rice of Loveland, CO, Debra Leach of Shenandoah, IA, Jeffrey Smith of Crest Hill, IL, Jonathon Smith of Leavenworth, KS, and Michelle (Gidget) Rhodes of Shenandoah, IA; ten grandchildren, Micheal Davis of Shenandoah, IA, Christina Smith of Avoca, IA, Denise Leach and Dwight Leach both of Shenandoah, IA, Lena Smith and Samantha Smith both of Crest Hill, IL, Kassie Smith and Zachary Smith both of Leavenworth, KS, Tawnie Smith and Brett Smith both of Shenandoah, IA; four great grandchildren, Dakota Davis, Colton Whitehill, Justine Marsh and Brianna Leach, all of Shenandoah, IA; three sisters, Katherine Buckner and Marcia Nye both of Shenandoah, IA, and Nola Truex of Keswick, IA; two brothers, Doyle Smith of Montrose, IA, and Harry Smith of Missouri; other relatives, and many friends.