



Lionel E. Smith

April 17, 1930 - March 13, 2017

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Fire Chief (Ret) Lionel Smith passed away at the age of 86 Monday evening, March 13, 2017 following a brief illness, surrounded by family.

He was born in Monessen, PA on April 17, 1930 to Edward and Thelma Smith. He moved his family to Florida in 1963.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Lois Read Smith; Sons Scott (Elaine) and Steven (Kimberly); grandchildren Anne Olaynick (Seth), Scott Jr & Kevin; Sisters Charlotte Sonafelt and Nova Nole; Sisters-in-law Alice Selcan and Frances Smith and numerous nieces and nephews. Sons Alan, Michael and brother Donn Smith predecease him.

Lionel retired from Pratt & Whitney after working 27 years as a firefighter/EMT. He was also an active member of the community in which he lived.

In July of 1967, he and county commissioner, Timer Powers founded South Martin County Volunteer Fire Department of which he was chief for over 10 years.

He also helped form the Jupiter chapter of ELKS, Lodge # 2469 and was Exalted Ruler 1972 to 1973. He was a member of the Rood Williams American Legion Post 271 as an Air Force veteran who served during the Korean conflict.

He was an active member of the church choir and parishioner at St. Jude Catholic Church for 55 years.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you make a donation to Treasure Coast

Hospice, 1201 S.E. Indian St., Stuart, FL 34997. This group has taken very good care of family members and holds a special place in the family's heart. The viewing will be held Sunday, March 19, 4 – 7pm at Taylor & Modeen of Jupiter and a funeral mass will be at St. Jude Catholic Church Monday, March 20th at 10:00am followed by interment at Riverside Memorial Park in Tequesta.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lionel E. Smith*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Lois, so sorry for your loss.*

Dolores Becken - Classmate - March 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Smiths: Our condolences to your family... Ya'll were such a dear part of the old neighborhood! Prayers and peace to all of you at this difficult time... The Trefzers Kip, Lana, Tracy and Bobbie (mom)*

A friend - March 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *It was a pleasure knowing Lionel. I used to layover our talks together..xxxxx*

Jacqui Hayden - Tequesta, FL - Friend - March 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *We've shared many events together, both in Pennsylvania and Florida, and they all were very memorable. Doreen and I moved on Pacific Blvd so that Doreen and Lois would be near each other, and then you upped and moved to Florida, but that didn't stop our visiting each other. You and Doreen are in each others company now, and I'm sure you are up to telling her your jokes. Your memory will be ever eternal!*

George Essey - Monessen, PA - Family Friend - March 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I (MR) first met Lionel at the Elks Bingo in 1987.. He was very friendly and helpful to a new bingo goer. My husband belonged to the Elks so we had many opportunities to meet with Lionel and his lovely wife Lois. We again became acquainted when my husband and I joined St. Jude Catholic Church in Tequesta. Lionel and Lois were both members of the Choir which I (MR) joined. At mass Lionel and I sat by one another and the one thing I will always remember and also will miss desperately is during the Our Father at mass Lionel and I held hands and we prayed together. I will miss the slight squeeze of his hand at the end of the prayer. He was a good friend to all. He was a great tenor. He was a devoted husband to Lois. We will always remember his favorite saying, "Hubba, Hubba". We will all miss you Lionel but we all know that you are in peace in the wonderful arms of Our Lord with no more pain and suffering. Farewell dear friend, we will remember you always, "Hubba, Hubba"

Wil and Mary Rose Fleurant - Jupiter, FL - Friend - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Aunt Lois and family, We are so sorry for your loss! Uncle Lionel will be missed by so many. Please cherish your good memories, as we will. We have done a lot of reminiscing with Mom, Nova Nole. She has told us stories from recent times as well as their childhood. You are all in our thoughts and prayers! Love, Jane and Bill Swanson

Jane Swanson - Genoa, NE - Family - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Love

Elaine Smith - Jupiter - Family - March 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM