



Leonard J Smythe

April 14, 1939 - March 9, 2018

Leonard J. Smythe, 78, of Bluffton passed away on Friday morning, March 9, 2018, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

He was born on April 14, 1939 in Joliet, IL. to George & Ruth Ann (Kayser) Smythe. He served his country in the United States Navy from 1953 to 1960. He also serviced in the United States Army from 1962 to 1965, where he was part of the 101st Airborne Parachutist Division making over 125 successful jumps. Leonard worked as an electrician for the E J & E Railroad in Gary for 39 1/2 years, retiring in 1999.

On September 10, 1966, Leonard & Sandra (Kviklis) were married.

Survivors include his wife Sandra of Bluffton along with a daughter Teresa (Stanley) Reed of Ossian and one grandson Cameron Reed and a brother Clarence G. Smythe of Yuma, AZ.

Leonard was a huge World War II historian, reading and studying many books on the War.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother Allen Kenneth Smythe.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 A.M. on Monday (March

12th) at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton with Monsignor Pius N. Ilechukwu officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton with military honors by the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and the United States Army Honor Guard.

Calling hours will be held from 1 to 7 P.M. on Sunday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, and for one hour prior to mass at the church. A Rosary will be said at the conclusion of calling on Sunday at 7 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Special Olympics through the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Rosary Service

MAR 11. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1300 N Main St
Bluffton, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leonard J Smythe*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 11, 2018 at 02:36 PM



“ *Leonard J Smythe*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Fond memories of Lenny and Sandy in Washington Highlands, Valparaiso. Lenny showed me how to wire my unfinished lower level. Such a wonderful gentleman and our prayers and best wishes go out to Sandy and family.*

Mark Zimmerman - October 20, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ *Sincere Condolences*



Mike Smythe - September 06, 2018 at 11:13 PM

CS

“ So sorry to hear about your loss Sandy.



Cheryl Smythe - April 14, 2018 at 07:25 PM

GB

“ I worked with Lenny for over 30 years at the “J”. We had some greats together and we became great friends. I will never forget our fishing trip to Canada. Good times were had by all.
I am honored to call him my friend. Me you Rest In Peace my friend.

Gregory and Sheila Bailey - March 12, 2018 at 12:23 PM

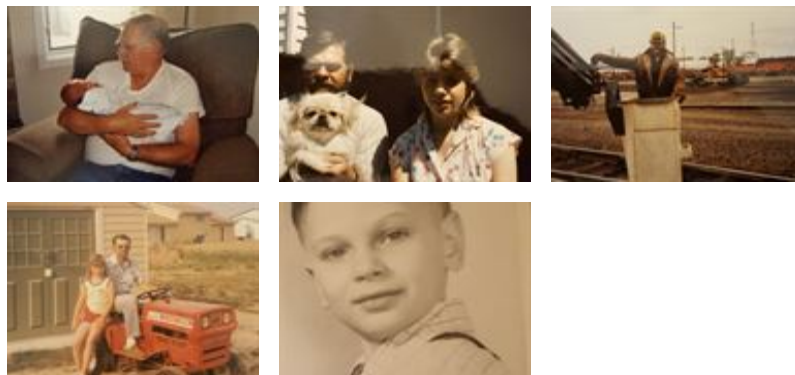
TB

“ Peace be with you.

Tom and Maureen Butler - March 11, 2018 at 01:29 PM



“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - March 10, 2018 at 06:22 PM

ML

“ Lenny was our neighbor, our fellow parishioner, a fellow Knight of Columbus, our frequent dinner partner (with his wonderful wife Sandy), but most of all a dear friend. He made us smile, made us think, and made us better people. In short, we loved him and we will miss him. I hope he will put in a good word with God for us, as I know Heaven has a new resident. Sorry we are out of state and will not be able to be at the funeral, but we will be with you in spirit. Mike and Debbie Lautzenheiser



Mike and Debbie Lautzenheiser - March 10, 2018 at 04:24 PM

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“ Mike and Debbie Lautzenheiser purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Leonard J Smythe.



Mike and Debbie Lautzenheiser - March 10, 2018 at 04:12 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Leonard J Smythe.



March 09, 2018 at 06:06 PM