



# Edward Smith

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**E**dward L. Smith, 83, passed away at 6:55 PM on March 21, 2018 at Decatur Memorial Hospital in Decatur, IL.

Ed was born to George and Alice Eddy Smith in Springfield, IL, December 2, 1934. He retired from the US Navy after more than 20 years of service. Some of his duty assignments included two tours in Vietnam, a Recruit Training Company Commander at Great Lakes, an instructor at Fleet Training Group Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and he also served on several ships. After retiring from the military, Ed became a member of the Warrensburg Fire Department and worked for and retired from ADM.

Ed married Vickie Rhodes on June 29, 1962 at Mound Chapel Church, Decatur, IL. She preceded him in death on July of 2009. Ed leaves behind three sons, Kendall (Sabrina) of Warrensburg, IL, George (Shari) of Charleston, SC and Ronald (Marla) of Taylorville, IL. Two sisters, Verna (Howard) Kramer of Decatur, IL and Carol (Ralph) Mathes of Crossville, TN. Eight grandchildren, Dalton, Clinton, Roma, Crystal, Savannah, Brittany, Tyler and Brandon, one great grandchild, Ella and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides his beloved wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Mary Charlotte (infant) and Doris Petro Dehne.

A funeral service will be held 10:00 AM Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Monday, March 26, 2018 at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home. Burial will be held at Illini Cemetery in Warrensburg, IL with military rites conducted by Macon County Honor Guard. Memorials: Warrensburg Fire Department or Taylorville Fire Department.

The Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Ed. Condolences may be left to his family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



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Video Tribute for Edward Lee Smith:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/X4QZBBTK5X433YNW>



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GR

**Gary W Williams, Bmc Usn(Retired)** posted:

Even though I may not have known Ed personally, he and I have served on the U.S.S. Hammerberg DE1015 at one time, or another. I served on HAMMERBERG as a "Training platform" when I was a lowly Seaman Apprentice during the Christmas time of 1961 to Just past New Year's day 1962. I was a Naval Reservist at the time and this time aboard HAMMERBERG was truly an enlightening experience. To Ed's remaining family you have my deepest Condolences on his passing.. I will say a prayer that God will show mercy upon his soul. I am hoping he was saved by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, but in any case he has been transferred to the Staff of the Supreme Commander..

July 20 at 11:38 AM

BS

**Bob Sarko** posted:

Sorry for your loss, I have a lot of respect for your father & all he done

March 25 at 5:18 PM

RS

**Rick Scullen** posted:

Ken, and the rest of the Smith family, I am so sorry for the loss of your father, sending prayers to you all. I only met your dad a couple of times but new he was a great man. (Did not like his Cubs Logo on his Garage door tho) Rest In Peace Shipmate, Fair winds Following Seas. Rick scullen

March 24 at 7:36 AM

GD

**Gena Dunn** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Edward Smith

March 23 at 3:23 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Edward by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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