



James "Jay" W. Smith

SEP 16, 1927 - FEB 7, 2007



Scan to Visit

Table of Contents

Obituary	Page 3
-----------------------	--------



James "Jay" W. Smith

SEP 16, 1927 - FEB 7, 2007

James "Jay" W. Smith, age 79, of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away at home with his family by his side on Sunday, February 4, 2007.

He was born September 16, 1927, in Shawnee, OK. His boyhood years were spent in Vernon, TX. Jay was a proud graduate of the University of Texas and while there was a member of the Longhorn Golf Team.

A 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, he completed 100 combat missions in the Korean War and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

In 1955, after serving in Korea, he joined the DuPont Company holding various positions in the Explosives Department until retiring to Rehoboth Beach, DE in 1983. Jay served on various boards including the Rehoboth Beach Country Club and the Rehoboth Beach Homeowners Association. He especially enjoyed his time spent volunteering for Meals on Wheels. Jay was a life long student of the game of golf, winning club championships across the country. He loved to teach the game to juniors and pass along the character of the game. Golf provided the foundation for many friendships. Second to his passion for golf was his love of all sports teams from Texas.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents, U. J. and Frances Smith, a sister Carolyn and brother Nat. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Priscilla Richardson Smith, and by three children, son, Curt Smith and wife Elaine of Seaford, DE, daughter Cindy Speake and husband Elliotte of Birmingham, AL, and son, Terry Smith and wife Maureen of Rehoboth Beach, and by seven grandchildren, Erika and Christopher Smith of Seaford, Alden Speake of Birmingham, AL, and Madeline, Molly, Maggie and Beau Smith of Rehoboth Beach. He is also survived by the family dog, Cracker.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 10, 11 A.M., at All Saints Episcopal Church, 18 Olive Street, Rehoboth Beach. Interment will be private.



Obituary

James "Jay" W. Smith

SEP 16, 1927 - FEB 7, 2007

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Delaware State Golf Association Scholarship Fund, 240 West Side Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes, DE.

Send online condolences to: condolences@parsellfuneralhomes.com.

PDF Printable Version



Memories only last if you share them

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



Scan to Visit