



## Earl Smith

EARL SMITH JR. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" Earl Smith Jr. "Smitty" passed in peace to go be with the Lord, June 7, 2012 at the age of 88. Smitty was a great man who accomplished a lot in his life. He was born April 9, 1924 to the late Earl and Celia James Smith. Smitty cared a lot for his country and was very proud to have served aboard the USS Langley in the South Pacific as a US Marine during WW II. Also he was called up for the Korean Conflict. A military service will be observed. After the war, he married the late Pauline Runyons Smith. He was a hard working coal miner with Island Creek Coal Company for forty years. He was caring, humorous, and faithful to the Lord being a member and active in the church at Lovely Freewill Baptist Church and Kenova United Methodist Church. Smitty was the current husband of Alma Ball Smith. Loving father of Larry (Ilene) Smith and Connie Smith both of Warfield, KY. Step-Father of David (Doreen) Ball, Suzy (Mike) Richardson, and Robert Ball. Smitty was the proud grandfather of Jill Smith, Christy (Kraig) Grayson, Pam (Mark) Blackburn, and Dusty (Kip) McCoy and eleven great grandchildren, Tyler, Todd, Grant, and Kadence Blackburn, Lafe and Matt Messer, Jenna, Allicen, and Marlee Grayson, Jayde and Sierra McCoy. He will be missed by many but not forgotten. Visitation will be held at Rollins Funeral Home, located at 1822 Chestnut St., Kenova, WV Saturday June 9th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral will be conducted by Rev Lonnie Smith and Danny Hall at Lovely Freewill Baptist Church Sunday June 10th at 1:00

p.m. with visitation prior from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery in Williamson, WV. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.rollinsfh.com](http://www.rollinsfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Larry and Ilene, I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. My Dad was 88 when he passed away in 2009 and like your Dad he was a WWII veteran. Dad served in the Army when they stormed the beaches of Normandy, where he was wounded and given the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. They really were men of the "greatest generation". I know you will miss him terribly. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Rosa Lea McNeal** - June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Earl Jr. and my Daddy, Earl Smith were first cousins. I always thought a lot of Earl Jr. He was a great man and a great child of God. The Birchfield girls were telling me yesturday of His Homegoing. I wish things had been such that I could have been there to pay my respects.

*Our love and prayers are for the family.*

*God Bless you.*

*We live in Lorain, Ohio now.*

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**Garry Rodney Smith** - June 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM