



James Smith

January 6, 1932 - February 11, 2010

Obituary of James Smith

James Alfred Smith, 78, of Leesburg, died Thursday, February 11, 2010. He was born January 6, 1932 in New Bethlehem Pa. He lived here since 1990 coming from Rochester N.Y. He was an engineering graduate of Bucknell University, received his law degree from Cleveland Marshall Law School (Cleveland State University), and obtained a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Rochester. He was a highly productive Patent Attorney with an extensive portfolio of successful filings. His law career began with the U.S Patent Office in Washington D.C. and then later he worked for Clevite Corporation in Cleveland OH. In 1966, he was hired by Eastman Kodak Company's Patent Department and moved to Rochester until he retired in 1990. He was a loving husband to his wife, Nancy, a loving father, and a devoted son to his parents Alfred and Hazel Smith. He was a charter member of the Hunt Hollow Ski Club in Rochester and took great joy in teaching his three sons to ski. As an outdoorsman, he was an avid fisherman and enjoyed hunting in the forests near his hometown in New Bethlehem. He enjoyed taking his family to Lake Nippissing Canada for summer fishing vacations. He was not only an expert fisherman but also a great teacher of the art of fishing. He is survived by his three sons Burton (Janet) Smith of Rochester N.Y., Mark (Laura) Smith of Tampa, and Stephen (Betty Rae) Smith of Chicago, Ill.; five grandchildren, Eric, Nathaniel, Jessica, Drew, and Davis.

Visitation

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 10 - 11 a.m. on Monday, February 22, 2010 at Beyers Funeral Home with a memorial service to follow at 11 a.m. Reverend Bill Birdsall will officiate.

Interment

Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL

Memorials

Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 96280 Washington, D.C. 20077-7491.