



James J. Smith

August 28, 1928 - November 30, 2016

Jim Smith passed away peacefully on November 30, 2016. Born in Harlem in 1928, Jim grew up in the NY Metro area. Following graduation in 1946 from AB Davis High School in Mt Vernon, he enlisted and served 4 years in the Marine Corps, marrying his wife Kat in 1950 while stationed at Parris Island, SC. After a long and successful career in retail management for the JC Penney Company, he and Kat relocated to Lady Lake, FL in 1987. Both were active members of The Villages community and Jim was a well-known figure on the fairways and at the lanes. He was involved throughout his life with organizing community and charity events, and served as a volunteer coach through many seasons. He was loved and respected by his family and friends and is truly missed. Brothers Tommy and Robert, children Sharon and Michael, and granddaughter Amber survive Jim. A memorial service for family and friends will be held at 3pm on April 8, 2017 at Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake, FL, followed by a get-together at Jim's home in The Villages.