



Horace Smith Dorsey

October 8, 1927 - October 7, 2016

Horace Smith Dorsey, 88, of Winchester, Va., died peacefully Friday, Oct. 7, 2016 at Blue Ridge Hospice in Winchester.

Smithy, as his brothers and sisters and nephews and nieces affectionately called him, was one of 13 children, the son of Laurence Fries Dorsey and Zetta Matilda Smith Dorsey. He was born Oct. 8, 1927 in Stephenson, Va.

Smithy was a 1945 graduate of John Handley High School and served in the U. S. Air Force from 1948-52. He married Winifred “Winnie” Knight Dorsey, his loving wife of 64 years, on Jan. 6, 1952, and was a devoted husband and father. He and Winnie, who passed away only a few hours before his death, spent their final two days together side-by-side in the same room at Blue Ridge Hospice.

Smith was co-owner of Winchester Casket Company before retiring in 1993. He was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church in Winchester and served on most of the church’s committees. He also was a member of the Gainesboro Ruritan Club and was very proud of his 25 years of perfect attendance.

He enjoyed playing the piano, especially hymns, and often played for his church’s Sunday services. He also liked watching baseball games, but his

most enjoyable hobby was fishing with his two sons and grandson Parker.

He is survived by his oldest son, Steven Smith Dorsey and his wife Bethanne Marie Dorsey of West Palm Beach, Fla.; daughter-in-law Annette Hinnant Dorsey of Winchester; grandsons Parker Graham Dorsey of Winchester and Timothy Edward Qualls of West Palm Beach; granddaughter Kimberly Ann Garcia of West Palm Beach; six great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

He also is survived by four brothers, Chauncey Fries (Mary Ellen) Dorsey of Winchester, Louis George (Lois) Dorsey of Charlottesville, Va., Phineas Lee Dorsey of Bunker Hill, W. Va., Benjamin Braxton (Gael) Dorsey of North Syracuse, N.Y., and three sisters, Sidney "Rosie" Phillips, Ann Dorsey (Willie) Slonaker, and Sue Matilda (Jimmy) Merriner, and sister-in-law Patsy Dorsey, all of Winchester. He also is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

His youngest son, Michael Knight Dorsey, and two brothers, Lawrence "Billy" (Ada) Dorsey and Luther "Peachie" Dorsey, and three sisters, Willa (Bryan "Brownie") Brown, Gretchen (Tom) Rosenberger and Gloria (Sidney) Macauley, and brother-in-law William "Bysshe" Phillips preceded him in death.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 13, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Phelps Funeral Chapel, 311 Hope Drive, Winchester, followed by a celebration of life at 1:00 p.m. Burial will be at Mount Hebron Cemetery, followed by a reception at Burnt Factory Methodist Church in Stephenson, Va.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork Street, Winchester, VA 22601.

Arrangements are being handled by Phelps Funeral and Cremation Service, Winchester, VA

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Ruth Ann and I are so very sorry. Our deepest sympathy. Boz*

Brian Bosworth - October 12, 2016 at 06:27 PM

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“ *With our deepest sympathy and prayers*

John and Kathy Dorsey

John and Kathy Dorsey - October 10, 2016 at 10:26 PM