



## John L. Smith

April 28, 1919 - January 26, 2013

John L. Smith April 28, 1919 - January 26, 2013 John L. Smith, 93, of Westvale, New York, devoted father and family man, died peacefully this past Saturday, January 26, 2013. A lifelong resident of the Syracuse, New York area, he was the son of John and Anna (Gau) Smith. John retired as a letter carrier from the US Postal Service Solvay branch in 1977 after 30 years of service. He was an Army veteran of WWII serving in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines as a deep sea diver. He was also a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps, building infrastructure projects in Washington State. He was a faithful member of Atonement Lutheran Church. John was preceded in death by his best friend and devoted wife of 58 years, Betty Elizabeth Cook Smith in 2004 with whom he spent his early retirement years in Holiday, Florida, returning to Syracuse at the time of his granddaughters birth. John enjoyed spending the summer months with Betty at the camp he built on the Salmon River. He was an avid stamp and coin collector, hunter, fisherman and sports enthusiast especially SU and the Yankees. Johns family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Charles and his staff, Hospice, Sedgwick Heights and third floor west at Upstate University Hospital at Community General for the care provided. John is survived by his son, Steven (Judy Horn) Smith of Syracuse, New York; daughter in-law, Gay Alvaro of Syracuse, New York; granddaughter, Holly Smith of Seattle, Washington; his cats PK and Peanut; nieces, Bonnie and Anne; nephews, John and Peter; several great nieces, great nephews, great-great nieces and great-great nephews. John

was preceded in death by his sisters, Shirley and Vera; brother, Sheldon and niece Pamela. Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 30, 2013 in Atonement Lutheran Church. Burial will be in White Chapel Memory Gardens, Kinne Road, DeWitt, New York. An hour of calling will be from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the church, 116 W. Glen Avenue, Syracuse 13205. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Atonement Lutheran Church or to CNY SPCA, 5878 E Molloy Rd Syracuse, NY 13211. To express sympathy please visit [www.ballweg-lunsford.com](http://www.ballweg-lunsford.com).

# Tribute Wall

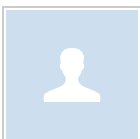


“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John L. Smith*



---

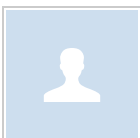
**Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Steven and family:  
So sorry to hear of Mr. Smith's passing. He was such a sweet man and I enjoyed having him and Mrs. Smith as neighbors. We had many conversations over the fence and he loved to give me gardening advice and tell me his old war stories! Always thought it was cute the way he would come out 'by accident' and scan the yard before calling over the fence, as if to meet by accident! He talked a lot about Betty and I'm sure he's happy and at peace to be joining her now.*

---

February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Family and Friends of John L. Smith:*

*We join in extending our sincere heartfelt sympathy to you and your family during this most difficult time. May happier memories help to sustain you and bring you comfort through this period of sorrow.*

---

January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM