

Barbara Jean Smith

MENTONE — Barbara Jean Smith, 87, Davie, Fla., formerly of Mentone, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2017, at Covenant Village, Plantation, Fla.

Barbara was born Dec. 25, 1929, daughter of Charles N. Cooper and Ethel Gaskill Cooper in Tippecanoe.

She graduated from Tippecanoe High School in 1948. As a teenager she worked with her parents, who owned and operated The Telephone Company in Tippecanoe.

Barbara married on Oct. 21, 1950, in Mentone, to Robert C. Smith, who preceded on Oct. 25, 2013.

She worked at Hart Schaffner Marx in Rochester before coming to work with her husband at Smith Bros. Diesel. They also proudly owned and operated the Arctic Cat dealership from 1969 to 1978. They retired in 2000, spending winters in Hollywood Beach, Fla., and moved to Davie in 2011.

Barbara was a member of American Legion Auxiliary, Mentone Book Club, Moose Lodge and several snowmobile clubs.

Survivors include daughter Sara Jo Smith Murcia and her husband, J. Salvador Murcia, Davie; grandson Noel Murcia and wife Crystal; great-granddaughter Isabel and great-grandson Gabe, Clayton N.C.; granddaughter Sally Murcia Whyte, husband Max and great-grandson Spencer of Davie; and granddaughter Elizabeth Murcia Lynch and husband William, Brunswick M.D.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, Robert.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, with visitation from 12:30 p.m. to the service, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Burial will be in Mentone Cemetery.

Visitation also will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the funeral home.

Share a memory or send a condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

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Charles D. 'Charlie' Smith

City Councilman Charles D. "Charlie" Smith, 71, Warsaw, passed away in a single-engine plane crash Oct. 2, 2015, on the South Carolina side of Lake Hartwell in Oconee County.



He was killed in a plane crash en route to the Notre Dame vs. Clemson football game Friday afternoon as he was an avid Notre Dame fan.

He was born Aug. 2, 1944, in LaPorte, to Harry DeVon Smith and Edna LaVerne Maurer Smith. On Dec. 3, 1999, in Warsaw, he married Ann Slone Vanderlinden, who survives in Warsaw.

He was a 1962 graduate of Walkerton High School. He then received his bachelor's of science in 1967 from Manchester College, North Manchester and his master's degree in 1974 from St. Francis College of Fort Wayne.

He was known to many simply as "Coach," having coached many students over his 16-year teaching career at North Manchester, Triton and then Tippecanoe Valley.

He later became a banker and joined Lake City Bank in 1983 as manager of the Mentone office and was then promoted in 1992 to senior vice president of the commercial banking department. In April 2000, Charlie was promoted to executive vice president of the commercial department. He retired from Lake City Bank in 2011.

He loved this community and served on various boards. As a member of the city's common council, he represented the council on the Warsaw Aviation Board, was president of the Warsaw Board of Public Works and served on the Warsaw Redevelopment Commission.

He was named Warsaw/Kosciusko County Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year in 2001, was a board member and past chairman of Kosciusko Development Inc., board member and chairman of the loan committee for Warsaw Community Development Corporation. He was a past board member of the Kosciusko Community Senior Services and past board member, finance committee, for the YMCA.

He also chaired the Community Gifts Fundraiser for the expansion project and was a member of Warsaw Rotary Club, a former graduate and past president of Kosciusko Leadership Academy and a former member of the Kosciusko County Educational Council. He was also involved with Junior Achievement, March of Dimes, United Way of Kosciusko County, Combined Community Services, American Lung Association, Leukemia Society of America and Boy Scouts of America. He attended Warsaw Community Church.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Ann Smith, Warsaw; a daughter, Michelle Smith LeDrew, Warsaw; a son, Ryan Smith, Warsaw; two stepdaughters, Angela Cox, Warsaw, and Karen (and spouse husband Josh) Meerzo, Huntertown; four grandchildren: Zachary, Bryce and Chase LeDrew and Ryne Smith, all of Warsaw; and six step-grandchildren: Tiffany Griffith and Kalie Keener, both of Warsaw; Ashlyn (and spouse Austin) Singer, Braxton and Wesley Goodman and Abigail Meneff, all of Huntertown. He also leaves behind his sister, Bonnie (and spouse Ken) Tiroff, Nashville, Tenn.; a niece, Dianne (and spouse Bob) McCall, Nashville, Tenn.; a nephew, Michael Golubski, Koonz Lake; and great-niece, Lyticia (and spouse David) Emery, Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents and his son, Scott Smith, who also died in the same plane crash.

His memorial service will be conducted along with his son Scott Andrew Smith's memorial service at 9:59 a.m. Oct. 13 at Warsaw Community Church, 1855 S. County

Oct. 13 at Warsaw Community Church, 1855 S. County Farm Road, with Pastor Denny Wilson officiating.
Calling is from 1:59 to 8 p.m. Oct. 12 at the church.
Arrangements were entrusted to Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw.

Memorials to Big Brothers and Big Sisters, 1005 W. Rudisill Blvd., Suite 101, Fort Wayne, IN 46807 and would be appreciated by the family.
Condolences via www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com

Charles Russell Smith

MENTONE - Charles Russell Smith, 71, Claypool (Yellow Creek Lake), died at 9:05 a.m. Oct. 8, 2015, at his residence where he had lived for over 45 years.



He was born Aug. 5, 1944, in Kosciusko County, to Roy and Bertha Holderman Smith. On June 6, 1964, in the Harrison Center Church of Etna Green, he married Di Anne Blackburn, who survives in Claypool.



He was a pressman at R.R. Donnelly's & Sons where he had worked for 40 years. He was a 1962 graduate of Mentone High School. He then served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, stationed in Panama. He was a member of the American Legion Post 49, Warsaw.

Also surviving are one daughter, Michele (and spouse Scott) Fox, Warsaw; one son, Troy (and spouse Sandy) Smith, Warsaw; two grandsons, Chris and Brandon Fox; one sister, Carol (and spouse Mike) Engle, Warsaw; several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Walter and John Smith; one sister, Wanda Simcoe; and a granddaughter, Courtney Fox.

No calling or funeral services will be held at this time by his request. Private family services will be held at the Mentone Cemetery, with graveside military rites performed by the American Legion Post 49.

King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials to Wounded Warrior Fund or Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice.

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Destiny Faith Smith

AKRON - Destiny Faith Smith, 9, Rochester, passed away at 9:20 p.m. Aug. 7, 2015, at Riley Hospital For Children, Indianapolis.

She was born April 26, 2006, in South Bend, to Tracy Lynn Smith and Rick Stough.

She was a member of #00423 Fulton County Girl Scouts, Taekwondo - Rochester Martial Arts and Deb's Dance Studio in Rochester. She would have started fourth grade this year at Mentone Elementary School.

Survivors are: her mother, Tracey Schaeffner; stepfather, Paul Allen Schaeffner; father, Rick Stough; a brother, Dylan Loeschman; a sister, Autumn Schaeffner; grandparents, Robert M. Smith Sr. and Allan P. and Cindy Schaeffner; and a godmother, Penelope Wagley. She was preceded in death by a brother, Dylan James Stough, and grandparents Barbara Smith and Don and Carolyn Flanagan.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Danny Honeycutt officiating. Burial is in Rochester IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials to the family or mailed to Earl-Love Funeral Home, P.O. Box 503, Akron, IN 46910.

Condolences via www.earllovefuneralhome.com

