



Willie D. Smart

November 24, 1937 - January 17, 2019

Willie D. Smart, 81, of Morris, passed away peacefully Thursday, January 17, 2019 at the Illinois Veterans Home at LaSalle. He was born, November 24, 1937 in Equality, Alabama, the son of the late Luther and Mattie Lou (Bryant) Smart.

Willie graduated from Coosa County High School in Rockford AL with the Class of 1956. He proudly served with the United States Air Force. Willie married Gwen Clark on June 8, 1969 at the Bureau Congregational Church in Bureau, Illinois.

He was employed at Lyondell Basell as a Process Technician, retiring at 66 years of age in 2003. After retirement, he worked for many years as a reception greeter at the U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home. He was a Mason with the Grand Lodge of Georgia F & AM and a long time-member of the First Christian Church of Morris, serving for many years as a Grounds Minister Team Leader.

Willie enjoyed gardening and growing many varieties of vegetables which he shared with friends and neighbors.

He is survived by his wife, Gwen, and son, Kirk, of Morris.

Preceded in death by his parents; four sisters: Edna Smart, Martha Jean Hannon, Betty Wilson, and one sister at a very early age; and one brother in infancy.

A visitation for Willie will be held 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, January 21, 2019 at the U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home. A Celebration of Willie's Life will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the First Christian Church of Morris, officiated by Dr. Chuck Richardson. Burial will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Morris Color Guard.

Preferred memorial contributions may be made in Willie's name to the LaSalle Veteran's Home.

Arrangements have been entrusted with U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, 301 W. Washington Street, Morris, IL. For further information visit the website at www.ucdaviscallahan.com or contact the funeral home at 815-942-0084. Online condolences may be directed to the family by visiting the website.

Cemetery

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

Elwood, IL,

Events

JAN 21	Visitation	04:00PM - 07:00PM
	U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home 301 W. Washington St., Morris, IL, US, 60450	

JAN 22	Celebration of Life	10:30AM
	First Christian Church 455 W. Southmor Rd, Morris, IL, US	

Comments



“ Gwen, you and Willie were alway such a blessing to me and my family. You both had such a servant's heart and you were always there for others. What a wonderful example you both have left for the generations to come. I'm praying for you. We love you. Doug and LeAnn Milstead and family.

LEANN MILSTEAD - January 21 at 11:44 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Willie D. Smart.



January 21 at 01:08 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Willie D. Smart.



January 21 at 07:33 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie D. Smart.



January 20 at 11:30 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Sue Hancock - January 18 at 04:00 PM



“ Gwen and Kirk,
We are so sorry for your loss. Willie was a special friend of my dads and me as well. Always with a smile on his face and a kind word!
We are out of state and would have liked to talk to you in person but will be unable to do so.
We know you will miss him dearly but you have the comfort of knowing he is with his Savior Jesus.
RIP Willie.

David R Carr - January 18 at 07:32 AM



“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to family and friends. May all of your good memories be greater than your sadness during this difficult time. (Isaiah 25:8)

chris c - January 18 at 07:07 AM



“ Gwen and Kirk, We will miss Willie, he was a real blessing to everyone. We are out of state but you are in our prayers. Love and Prayer, Dick and Linda

Dick and Linda Roberts - January 22 at 10:50 AM