

Ralph E. Smith, Jr., 81, of Decatur, IN passed away on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at a hospital in Texas. He was born on April 21, 1931 in Paoli, IN to the late Ralph E. Smith, Sr. and Charlotte F. Smith. He married Nella R. (Potter) Smith on June 13, 1953; she died on October 28, 2007.

He is survived by his 3 sons, Allen R. Smith of Wenatchee, WA, James B. (Judy) Smith of Fort Wayne, IN, and Scott E. (Elva) Smith of San Isidro, TX. He was preceded in death by his daughter Vicky F. Smith. He has 6 grandchildren, Jeffrey, Evan, Tyler, Jonathan, Christopher, and Delia, and 3 great-grandchildren, Kaiden, Maykayla, and Aaliyah.

Ralph was a member of the First United Methodist Church where he served on the Trustee, past chairman of Trustee's, was in the Alpha Omega Sunday School class, was a Sunday school teacher and served on the Kid's First Child Care board. He was an inspector for 7 years with the Weights & Measures, a charter member of the former J.C.'s and former member of the Decatur Lions Club. He was also a Korean War veteran and a member of the Adams County Board of Elections. He retired from E & L Transport.

Visitation will be from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2012 at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home.

Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church with calling one-hour prior to service. Rev. Martha Lyon will be officiating. Burial will take place in the Decatur Cemetery with Military graveside rites by American Legion Post #43 Color Guard.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church.

**Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home online obit (accessed 10/18/2012)**