



## Robert Lee Smith

January 26, 1927 - August 24, 2016

Robert Lee Smith Age 89, died on August 24, 2016 at Berkeley Square Retirement Community, Hamilton. He was born in Hamilton on January 26, 1927, and was a lifelong resident. Bob ("Smitty" to his friends) graduated from Hamilton High School in 1945 and joined the Navy, serving through 1946. He married his sweetheart, Ruby Chadwell, on February 8, 1947. Bob was a devoted family man and a devout Christian, serving as Treasurer, Deacon and Sunday School teacher at the West Side Baptist Church for decades. After his service in the Navy, Bob began a long career with Armco Steel in Middletown where he supervised the blast furnace operation. He retired from Armco in 1989 after more than forty years of service. An avid golfer, Bob won the Hamilton City Championship in 1952. He also enjoyed tennis and volunteered at the Western & Southern Open in Mason, OH for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents Samuel L. Smith and Violet L. Cockerill Smith and two sisters. He leaves his beloved wife, Ruby, his daughter Julie Ann Smith Rentschler and her husband Thomas Beckett Rentschler Jr., Hamilton, OH, and his three grandchildren, Thomas B. Rentschler III, Cincinnati, OH, Abigail E. Rentschler, Denver, CO, and Anna B. Rentschler, Hamilton, OH. He is also survived by his sister in law Loretta McMahan and her husband Thom, brother in law Charles Chadwell and his wife Patty, and sister in law Judith Chadwell, as well as many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held 11:00am, Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 N.W. Washington Blvd, with Dr. John H. Lewis officiating. Burial

will be in Rose Hill Burial Park. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 10:00am until time of the service. The family wishes to thank all of the caregivers at Berkeley Square and Hospice of Cincinnati. Memorials may be directed to the Hamilton Community Foundation, 319 North 3rd Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011 or the Colonial Foundation, 230 Ludlow Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Burial Park

2421 Princeton Road  
Hamilton, OH 45011

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 30.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Weigel Funeral Home  
980 N.W. Washington Blvd.  
Hamilton, OH 45013  
(513) 892-1524  
<https://www.weigelfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

CQ

“ Due to Catherine's injury, we will be unable to attend the visitation and the services for our brother in Christ: however, we shall be there in spirit. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Ruby and the family during this time of great loss. Bob has been such a blessing through the years to us individually and to everyone at West Side Baptist Church. Because of his life and devotion to Christ and His Church we are a better people because of his faithfulness of touching lives. Our hearts go out to you during this time of grief.  
In His, love,  
Catherine and Bob Queen

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**Catherine & Robert Queen** - August 29, 2016 at 10:00 PM

MR

“ I had the absolute pleasure of getting to know Bob the last six years at Berkeley. He was always my favorite part of the day coming in the dining room and seeing his big smile every time. Bob and Ruby are like second grandparents to me and he is going to be missed very much. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time.

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**Megan Reiff** - August 28, 2016 at 10:34 AM

EP

“ Dear Ruby and Julie,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time. May your memories comfort you.  
With sympathy,  
Libby Jung Prall

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**Elizabeth J Prall** - August 28, 2016 at 06:41 AM

JL

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Bob Smith at Berkeley Square. I work in dietary as a server. I loved watching Bob and Ruby when she would push him in his wheelchair into the dining room for lunch and dinner. Bob and Ruby reminds me so much of The Notebook Movie. Bob always knew how to make us laugh, and he will be missed dearly at Berkeley. To the family of Bob, you are in my heart and in my prayers during this difficult time...



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**Jill Lockemy** - August 26, 2016 at 08:59 PM

JF

“ Jenni & Mike and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Lee Smith .



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**Jenni & Mike and family** - August 26, 2016 at 03:48 PM