

Kenneth Eugene “Gene” Smith, 1929 — 2015



Kenneth Eugene “Gene” Smith, 86, of 4980 N. Irvin Loop, Columbia, Missouri and formerly of Belle, Missouri and Benson, Arizona. Went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at his home.

Visitation was held from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2015 at the First Assembly of God Church in Columbia, Missouri and a Celebration of Life was held at 11 a.m. Burial will be held at a later date.

He was born on Jan. 31, 1929, in Jefferson Township, the son of Una (Pendelton) and Lesslie Edward Smith.



“Gene” was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, having served in the Navy and Air Force.



“Gene” retired from  Westinghouse in 1995.

“Gene” married Mary Dorothy Palmer of Belle, and she preceded him in death. He married Patricia A. Souder on Aug. 2, 1986, in Jefferson City; Patricia survives him.

Other survivors include his brothers, Morris Smith of Battle Creek, Mich., Melvin Smith of Oklahoma City, Okla., Harold (Evelyn) Smith of Baldwin and Carlos “Mac” (Linda) Smith of Plant City, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Darrell Smith of Baldwin.



Gene was raised to the degree of a Master Mason August 29, 1969 and joined San Pedro Lodge, #55, F&AM in Benson, Arizona, December 7, 1999. Before moving from Benson back to Missouri, Gene was the Lodges Tyler.

Gene and his wife Patricia were both members of Pearl of Venus #6, Order of Eastern Star, while living in Benson, Arizona.

