



LeRoy Lawrence Smith

July 4, 1935 - January 31, 2019

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1935-2019

On January 31, 2019, LeRoy “Roy” Lawrence Smith, 83, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by loved ones. LeRoy was born July 4, 1935 in Framnas Township, Minnesota, to Olivia and Lester Smith. He was the second oldest of 11. He grew up on the family farm and told stories of his dad’s horses and the many goodies his mom would preserve and bake. One of his favorite desserts was strawberry rhubarb pie. Shortly after graduating from Bagley High School in 1953, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He met his wife Sang “Kim”, while serving in Inchon, Korea. His years in the navy took the family from Korea to Taiwan, California, Washington and Alaska.

LeRoy received his Associates Degree from Olympic College, in Bremerton, Washington. After completing school he was assigned to the Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, California. During his career he proudly served under four admirals, retiring from the U.S. Navy in 1979 as a Master Chief Petty Officer, Yeomen. He loved to bowl. He and Kim bowled with their Vallejo SIRs team for 30 years. He was fiercely competitive and bowled three days a week, until just a few weeks before his passing. He served as treasurer for the SIRs. Roy was the family genealogist, he wrote a book about his great grandfather Christian Zimmerman’s life. On Monday’s, Roy enjoyed going to

the casino with Kim to play the nickel slots. Some of his happiest days were spent with his two grandchildren Scott and Phoebe.

LeRoy is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sang Kap Kim, sons Paulus (Susan) and John (Julie), grandchildren Scott, Phoebe and Jamie (Daniel) and great grandchild Kiley, brothers and sisters, Elaine (John) Millar, Fargo, ND; Ronald Smith, Shevlin, MN; Lyle (Sue) Smith, Aberdeen, SD; David (Kathryn) Smith, Richfield, MN; Dianne Haukland, Coon Rapids, MN; Marilyn (Jeff) Prochnow, Casselton, ND; Douglas (Rae) Smith, Gardner, ND; Russell (Terri) Smith, Moorhead, MN; Colleen (Doug) Lindgren, Bagley, MN and numerous nieces and nephews. LeRoy was preceded in death by older half-brother James Grote, Freeport, TX, mother Olivia and father Lester Smith formerly of Shevlin.

Visitation will be held 10 am – 5 pm with funeral service and U.S. Navy honor guard flag presentation at 2 pm on February 7, 2019 at the Twin Chapels Mortuary, 1100 Tennessee St., Vallejo. www.twinchapelsmortuary.com. Private burial will be held at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, CA.

Cemetery Details

Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery

5810 Midway Road
Dixon, CA 95620

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Twin Chapels Mortuary
1100 Tennessee Street
Vallejo, CA 94590
(707) 552-6696
twinchapels@aol.com

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Colleen & Doug Lindgren lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Lawrence Smith*



Colleen & Doug Lindgren - February 08, 2019 at 09:10 PM

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“ *After bowling with Roy for several years he came up to me and said you're the JJ that I keep signing tournament checks for. Now I finally know who you are.*

JJ Sargent - February 07, 2019 at 02:10 AM



“ *Gerberas and Palms Spray was purchased for the family of LeRoy Lawrence Smith.*



February 04, 2019 at 11:02 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of LeRoy Lawrence Smith.*



February 04, 2019 at 07:37 PM

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“ We had known that LeRoy was having health problems and we are so sorry to hear of his passing. He was our oldest living cousin and we remember our times together when we were younger. One of the earliest memories was running to the grocery store to buy chocolate milk when his family lived in Morris, Mn. Kim, you and your family have my sympathy and blessed be the memory of LeRoy.

Sincerely

Stan Smith

Stan Smith - February 04, 2019 at 05:07 PM