



Charles Irvine Smith

August 9, 1929 - September 12, 2017

Charles I. Smith, husband of Audrey Jenkins Smith, departed this life on September 12, 2017 at the Veterans Health Administration Medical Center in Lexington, KY. He was the son of the late Arthur and Eddie Lee Smith. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Virgil and Leroy Smith. Besides his wife of 57 years, he leaves to mourn his daughter, Donna Lee Davis, Dayton, OH; step-daughter, Leadonia Jenkins, Lexington, KY; two sons, Gerald Edward Smith, San Antonio, TX; and Virgil Irvine Smith, Lexington, KY. One sister, Geroline Mynatt, Cincinnati, OH. Five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, one nephew, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Charles was born March 9, 1929 in Richmond, Kentucky where he attended the Richmond High School and graduated in 1949. He went on to enlist in the United States Army and served a three-year term of service as a Chef. His entire military service was served in Fort Knox, KY. After his honorable term of service, Charles continued his career as a Chef. Over the years, his career included the following organizations: The Lafayette Hotel, Phoenix Hotel, the Sheraton Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, Red Mile, Lexington, KY, and the Astro Dome in Houston, TX, Bear Mountain, NY, and Turf Catering Company at Keeneland in Lexington, KY. Several of these positions was with the America Restaurant Association better known as ARA.

He was a member of the East 2nd Street Christian Church, Lexington, KY for many years and supported the various activities within the church. He was also a faithful member of the Apex Social Club and the Swahili Elk Lodge.

Charles will be remembered as a well-known host and Chef in the Food Service Industry. He was loved and respected by his loving family and friends and all who knew him

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memory Gardens

Paris, KY

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Irvine Smith*

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