



Gerald Frank Smith

September 14, 1918 - November 20, 2015

Longtime Yreka resident Gerald Frank Smith passed away November 20, 2015 peacefully at home. He was 97 years old.

Gerald was born September 14, 1918 in Proctor, Minnesota to Amy Linnea (Thoreson) Smith and Frank Walter Smith.

During WWII, he joined the 82nd Airborne's newly formed 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment in 1942. He made three combat jumps: Sicily, Italy, Normandy (D-Day Invasion) and was promoted to Staff Sergeant and awarded several medals and the Bronze Star.

Gerald was a machinist by trade, working for Wham-O Manufacturing in San Gabriel, CA. He loved fishing in the beautiful lakes of Siskiyou County with family and friends.

Gerald was preceded in death by a sister, Marcella Bakken and son, Robert Smith. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Janice R. Smith; two children, Kathleen Braithwaite (James) of Prescott, AZ, James Smith of Fort Jones and grandson, Christopher Saavedra of Santa Ana, CA.

No services are scheduled at this time. The family would like to thank Madrone Hospice for their compassionate care.

Tribute Wall



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. The Bible makes this comforting promise: "Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted, he saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) It also assures us: "Throw your burden on Jehovah, and he will sustain you." (Psalm 55:22) May these thoughts bring you a measure of comfort at this difficult time.

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