


Obituaries



Charles S. Smith

Charles S. Smith, 82, of Minford, died at his home and went to be with the Lord on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005.

He was born in Portsmouth on June 22, 1923, to the late Thelma Talbott, and he retired as the maintenance supervisor for the Mad River school district.

Charles was a  WWII Army veteran having served in northern France and Germany, earning the EAME Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, WWII Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was a member of the Minford United Methodist Church, a Kentucky Colonel, a 32nd Degree Mason, a life member of James Dickey Post 23 American Legion and its 40/8 and a member of the VFW. He loved to hunt and to fish.

Charles is survived by his wife of 40 years, Ruth Alberta Asche Smith, whom he married Dec. 19, 1964, in Wilmington, Ohio. Also surviving are his brother-in-law, Joseph L. Asche, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Ralph F. Scott Funeral Home in Portsmouth with the Rev. Tim Bennett officiating. The family will receive friends Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from noon until the funeral hour with burial following in the north veterans section of Greenlawn Cemetery. The James Dickey Post 23 American Legion will conduct military graveside rites.

The family's favorite charities are the Minford United Methodist Church, Hospice of Southern Ohio, the American Cancer Society and the American Lung Association.

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