



Edwin Earle Smith

June 16, 2013

Edwin Earle Smith, Ph.D., age 90, of Columbus, died peacefully on Sunday, June 16, 2013 at Wesley Glen. Native of Sugarcreek, OH. Graduate of Sugarcreek-Shanesville High School. Veteran U.S. Navy, WWII. Earned his B.S., Masters and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University where he was also a member of the marching band. Retired from OSU's Engineering Experiment Station, Dr. Smith earned the distinction of Professor Emeritus. He was greatly respected for his research in numerous areas, including fire, oil, traffic paints and acid mine drainage. Additionally, his expertise was sought out by the FAA, noted architects of skyscrapers and sports arenas, the investigations of several high profile fires across the country, helped to rewrite metropolitan city fire code and spoke at international conferences. Longtime member of North Broadway UMC where he was also a former Sunday school teacher and Usher. Preceded in death by parents, Samuel and Grace (Richardson) Smith; son, Timothy; brother, George and twin-brother, Merle; sister, Alice Youngen. Survived by loving wife of 68 years, Florence Naomi Smith; devoted children, Jeffrey (Nanette) Smith of Cincinnati, Judith (Richard) Martin of Bowling Green, Kathleen (Alan) McKnight of Worthington; grandchildren, Kathleen (Jason) Maney of Cincinnati, Emily Yuffee of Washington DC, Amy (Michael) McAvoy of Frankenmuth, MI, Amanda (Steven) Gloeckner of Hilliard, Mark McKnight of Bradenton, FL, Douglas (Rheta) McKnight of Columbus; great-grandchildren, Will, Tommy and Joey Maney, Robbie Yuffee, Nate and Kate McAvoy, Ellie and Mason Gloeckner. Memorial Service 2 PM Sunday, June

30, 2013 at North Broadway UMC, 48 E. North Broadway, Columbus, OH
43214. Rev. Deborah Stevens officiating.

Tribute Wall



“ Edwin Earle Smith

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Dear Naomi:

It is with sadness that we learned of Ed's passing. It was a wonderful experience for me as a new and very green faculty having someone like Ed as a mentor at Ohio State. He knew all the ins and outs and freely shared them with me. I am not sure I would have survived the strange place called the midwest without his help. I remember that Ed was always the one who was willing to share his knowledge with others and maybe particularly me.

He was a true Engineer's Engineer. The practical aspects of his work (especially the fire research) was an inspiration to me.

It was such a wonderful treat to see you both at our local Clintonville restaurant, Giorgio's. It was so nice to visit with you both. Each time we go back, we think of you and Ed.

Thinking of you, Naomi. Hope all of your memories of Ed will help you through this difficult time.

Bob Brodkey and Carolyn Patch

Bob Brodkey and Carolyn Patch - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ We were very sorry to learn of Uncle Earle's passing. Although we are not going to be able to make it to Columbus for the Memorial Service Sunday, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. I have many fond memories of times we shared, back when we all were much younger!

Dick & Beth Zechiel - June 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM