



Richard I. Smith

August 20, 2008

Richard I. Smith, age 87, of Columbus, passed away Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at Mt. Carmel Medical Center. Mr. Smith was a long-time member of West Park United Methodist Church. He also founded the Buckeye State Harmonica Club in 1976 and was a Drum Major at Central High School in 1941. Mr. Smith retired from the George Frederick Smith Chemical Company after 35 years of service and also served in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII. He was a long time fisherman and inventor of the "Smitty Spoon" fishing lure; a woodcarver, harmonica player and collector. He was preceded in death by his parents Florence Marie and Stanley Pflaumer Smith, sisters Mildred Smith, Florence Massie and Verla Black, brothers Donald and Hugh Smith. His survivors include his wife of 60 years, Carolyn Smith; children, Karen Smith, Susan Rickabaugh, Ralph (Kathy) Smith and Lynn Taylor; grandchildren, Melissa Richardson, Bryan McGinnis and Matthew Smith; great-grandchildren, Jessica McGinnis and Brandon Blackmore; sister, Jean Razor; and numerous nieces and nephews. Family and friends may call at the from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday, August 24th at the RUTHERFORD-SHROYER FUNERAL HOME, 1278 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43222, where a funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Monday, August 25, 2008, with Rev. Jeff Julien officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Condolences for the family may be sent to: www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard I. Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *My grandparents are together again playing their harmonicas in heaven. They are making music together for heaven. I love you Richard Smith and Carolyn Smith I miss the both of you. With my love your granddaughter Melissa.*

Melissa Richardson - August 06, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Carolyn--I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed by so many. He was a special guy. I hope to see you at one of the future festivals. Beverly Adams from the Akron group. Our prayers are with you.*

Beverly J Adams - August 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Members of the harmonica collectors club would like to send their condolences. Richard was a good friend. He will be missed. Harland Crain President*

Harmonica Collectors International - August 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ May God the Father comfort you in His arms of love. May Jesus walk with you through this valley and may the Spirit give you peace and hope. I knew Richard through Harmonica Collectors International and appreciated all his assistance over the years in helping me identify harmonicas. His vast knowledge was amazing. Thank you for the video tribute. It was beautiful. My prayers are with you at this time. May God give you strength. Doug

Rev. Doug Dawson - August 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ The HOOT Organization is deeply sad on the passing of Richard. He will be greatly missed by all who know him in the harmonica world. Our sincere condolences go out to Richard's family and his loved ones.

Harmonica Organization of Texasa - August 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We pray for God's peace to Carolyn and the family and to the Buckeye Harmonica Club. Richard was a dear friend for many years through our harmonica connection. Joe Fey Gateway Harmonica Club St. Louis, Missouri

Joe and Sue Fey - August 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Carolyn and Family: I just received the sad news of the passing of Richard, from Harland Crain. As you know he got me started collecting harmonicas, and for this I will be forever grateful. In my heart and mind he will never be forgotten. Peace be with you Carolyn and your family. Harmonically Yours, Mickey

Mickey Tyler - August 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Jim and Nancy Smith*

James H Smith - August 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ *We are very sorry to hear of the passing of our friend and fellow harmonica enthusiast. Our sincere condolences go out to Richard's family and his other loved ones. He will be missed at our gatherings, and his memory will be cherished by those of us who knew him. May God keep him in His loving grace.*

Franklin and Shirley Warner - August 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM