



William C. Smith Jr.

July 15, 2011

William C. Smith, Jr. A true hero died Friday, July 15, 2011 at the age of 93. Capt. William C. Smith, Jr. was the first American on Omaha Red Beach two hours before the D-Day invasion and was awarded The Bronze Star with V for Valor. He went in with the frogmen to call fire from the ships supporting the invasion against the German fortifications. He was involved in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily and France with the 1st Division as a forward observer. Bill's memoirs were written by his son and Dr. Phillip Trinity and are being published by Merriam Press. He was inducted into both the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor and the OMHF for Service to the Community. When he came back from the war he built Kisco Photo Service into the dominant force in the market and came out of retirement at age 53 to develop the Sales/Marketing Technology as the Chairman of that department at Columbus Tech. Bill was a member of VFW, Brig. General Paul W. Tibbets Memorial Post #2398, Worthington, OH and AMVETS, Worthington Post #239. He was a member of New England Lodge #4, F & AM and a 32nd degree Mason, Valley of Columbus. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Berni Smith; his sister Muriel Ridgeley; son William E. and wife Angela; daughter Shirley and husband Bill Balantyne; and three generations of grandchildren; and many friends. He was well loved and will be missed by everyone that had the honor of knowing him. The family will receive friends from 5:00-8:00pm. MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011 at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, WORTHINGTON CHAPEL, 515 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085

(614)-885-4006 where a Memorial Service with Military Honors will be presented at 7:30pm. (The funeral home is located on High St. in downtown Worthington 4 blocks south of SR 161.) If they choose, friends may make memorial contributions in Bill's name to: HomeReach Hospice, 3595 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, OH 43214. Send condolences for the family to: www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *William C. Smith Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Berni - I met you and Bill many times when I was a reporter with the Worthington News. I always loved speaking to the both of you. Bill was such a fantastic story teller and so passionate about everything he did. He always amazed me. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.*

Brittany Dunlap - July 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *On behalf of the American Legion, I would like to express my condolences to the family of Capt. Smith. He was indeed a true American. We mourn his loss, as we celebrate his heroism. ISC Pete Margaritis, USN-Ret. Commander, Ohio 12th District Council The American Legion*

Peter Margaritis - July 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Bill was one of this country's best in every way: friend, gentleman, patriot. We'll miss him.*

Susan & Jim McKee - July 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My deepest regrets to all of the Smith family, especially, Berni, his beautiful wife. Bill was one of the nicest, kindest men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. It was an honor to be his neighbor for so many years.*

Kathy Gallant - July 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM