



William Fredrick Smalley

September 20, 1935 - October 19, 2024

William Fredrick Smalley, 89, passed away on October 19, 2024, in Buffalo, Missouri where he resided at the Colonial Springs Healthcare facility. Born on September 20, 1935 in De Soto, Kansas, William, affectionately known as Bill, was a cherished member of his community and will be remembered for his friendly demeanor and ability to strike up a conversation with nearly anyone. Bill graduated from high schools in the Kansas City, Missouri area and furthered his education at the University of Missouri. He proudly served in the Army's 67th Armor Division, Medium Tank Battalion, from 1958 to 1964, demonstrating a commitment to his country that continued throughout his life. Following his military service, Bill dedicated 32 years to the United States Postal Service as a carrier in Kansas City, Missouri, where he was a familiar and reliable presence in the community.

He had a passion for collecting antiques and artwork, as well as his love for travel, especially driving to various destinations, brought him much joy and enriched his life significantly.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer William Smalley and Louise Virginia (Fulkerson) Smalley; his siblings, Virginia, May, Jeanette, and Edward. He is survived by his loving nieces and nephews, with Clyde and Larry being particularly close. He also leaves behind his dear friends in Florida, Tom, Larry, John, and Connie as well as the Mailhot and Shaw families in Missouri, who were like family to him.

Burial services for Bill are planned at the State Veterans Cemetery in

Higginsville, Missouri at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 1, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Bill can be made to any military charity, honoring his service and dedication. Bill's legacy of kindness, loyalty, and community service will be remembered by all who had the privilege to know him.

Cremation rites were accorded under the care and direction of the Cantlon-Ottemess & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo, Missouri.