



Howard Russell Smith

February 19, 1928 - July 4, 2021

Howard Russell Smith, age 93, of Gainesville, VA died on July 4, 2021, at Novant Health Haymarket Medical Center in Haymarket, VA. He was born on February 9, 1928, in Prince William County, the son of Mode and Leafy Smith.

Howard graduated from the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind in Staunton, VA with honors in 1950. After graduation he worked for the Fauquier Democrat, where he made many friends, some of whom learned sign language. Howard enjoyed working alongside Ervin Garrett, Ralph Swain, Alan Poe, and Trudy Trumbo. After many years he moved to Annandale, VA where he worked for the Evening Star until he retired.

Howard married his high school sweetheart, Helen Webb in 1954. He was predeceased by his daughter Karen; one brother Theodore (Ted) Smith; and three sisters, Frances Hunsberger, Evelyn Lunsford, and Marjorie Smith. He is survived by his wife Helen, his sister Jean Mountjoy, his nephew Ronnie Lunsford, his caregivers, and a host of nieces and nephews that Howard cared very much for.

Family and friends will gather for a Visitation on Thursday, July 29, 2021, from 6:00-8:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St. Manassas, VA 20110.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Howard Russell Smith.*



July 28, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ *Dear loved ones of Howard Smith..I am so sorry for your loss. I was at VSDB the same time he was and have always thought that he was one of the sweetest gentlemen I have ever known. I have an ILY clock that he made and also a wall calendar. He was surely gifted with his hands. Eve Christian*

Eve Christian - July 14, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *My condolences to his wife, Helen and family. I know him very well. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.*

*Mary Jane Brown Setzer
Durham NC*

Mary Jane Setzer - July 10, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ *My sympathy to his family and friends. I have know him for many years he is a very sweet man. He loves woodwork I still have his ILY wood clock on my wall and napkins holder. I had good memories. I will miss him a lot.*

June Davis Fredericksburg VA

June Davis - July 10, 2021 at 08:03 AM