



Smith, Dale

April 4, 2008

Smith, Dale W. "Bud", 73, of Danvers, Mass., formerly of New Martinsville, WV, died Friday, April 4, 2008 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House surrounded by his family after a period of declining health.

He was the son of the late Charles W. and Jesse Bell (Winters) Smith; he was born, raised and educated in New Martinsville, WV.

A graduate of Magnolia High School and a Chicago based welding school, Mr. Smith came to New England in the late 1950's working for Chicago Bridge and Iron, constructing many water towers throughout the area. He then matriculated on to the General Electric Company, employed as a master welder for the next 30 years at its River Works Plant in Lynn, Mass. until the time of his retirement in 1989.

An honorably discharged veteran, Dale served his country as a member of the United States Air Force.

A long time resident of the Town of Danvers, he presided over the Moose Lodge, coached Little League Baseball and raced hydroplane boats all over the country, including the New Martinsville Regatta along with his son. In his later years, "Smitty the Welder" as he was affectionately known, was a fixture at the Danvers Senior Center, enjoying his cribbage, table pool and poker friends.

Dale is survived by his son, Charles Smith and his wife Mary J. of Peabody, MA; his daughter, Janet Hoosick and her husband Stephen of Amesbury, MA; his grandchildren, Kevin and Courtney Smith and Ryan, Leah and Anna

Hoosick; his two sisters, Madge Barnes and Eleanor Leu, both of New Martinsville; and several nieces and nephews. He was also the brother of the late Ilene Sommer and Robert "Popcorn" Smith.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday from 11am until time of services at 1:00pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, with Rev. Don Biram officiating.

Interment in Northview Cemetery, New Martinsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Danvers Senior Center, 25 Stone Street, Danvers, MA 01923.