

Joseph Smith



Joseph L. Smith, 37, of Savoy died at 1:06 a.m. Tuesday (June 19, 2001) at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Funeral services will be at 1:30p.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church of Champaign, 302 W. Church St., C. The Rev. James Layman will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Champaign.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Mittendorf-Calvert Funeral Home, 2400 Galen Drive, C, and from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church.

Mr. Smith was born March 21, 1944, in Wesson, Miss., a son of William Y. and Géniver Collins Smith. He married Margaret E. Schriber on Oct. 14, 1972, in Champaign. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Travis Lemar Smith of Nashville, Tenn.; three daughters, Heather Rhoden of Springfield, and Jennifer and Whitney Smith, both of Savoy; six brothers, Wilbur Collins of Hazlehurst, Miss., Paul Smith and Otha Smith, both of Milwaukee, Richard Smith of Champaign, Thomas Smith of Urbana and John Smith of Illinois; and three sisters, Mable Graham and Helen McGee, both of Champaign, and Minnie Smith of San Diego.

He was preceded in death by a son and a brother.

For 26 years, Mr. Smith had worked as a specialist for the Police Training Institute. He was also employed at the Champaign Police Department for 20 years, retiring in 1995 as a sergeant.

Mr. Smith belonged to the O.K.U. Karate Club and was a ninth degree black belt, He was affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Association, the United Isshin-Ryn Association and the International Isshin-Ryn Karate Association. He also taught karate for six years at Parkland College. Mr. Smith served in the Marines from 1963 to 1967.

Memorials may be made to Amyloidosis research or the American Heart Association.