

RICHARD "DICK" ALLEN SMITH

November 22th, 1933 - January 24th, 2025



Dick Smith, 91, of The Villages, Florida, passed away at home on January 24, 2025, following a brief illness.

Dick was born in Trenton, New Jersey on November 22, 1933, to Revere Paul Smith and Nellie (Heaton) Smith. He married his high school sweetheart, Betsy Helen Quinn, in 1952.

Dick had a long and illustrious career in Data Processing and IT with positions at U.S. Steel, National Steel and General Dynamics. Dick was considered a pioneer in the mechanization of business and process control functions in the steel industry. He spoke regularly at American Iron and Steel conventions and was often cited in industry and computer-related publications.

During his work life, Dick and Betsy resided in Yardville, New Jersey; Chesterton, Indiana; West County, St. Louis; and Fairfax Station, Virginia. In 1998 Dick and Betsy moved to The Villages in Florida where he (in his words) 'excelled at poor golf'.

Dick was preceded in death by Betsy, his wife of 56 years; older brother, Gordon Robert Smith; and sister, Betty Ann Mycock.

He is survived by their three sons, Richard A., Jr. (Mary) of Upper St. Clair, Pennsylvania, Thomas M. (Merry) of Manchester, Missouri, and Paul F. (Tammy) of Chesterfield, Missouri; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will take place at 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at the Hiers-Baxley Life Event Center, 3975 Wedgewood Lane, The Villages, Florida, followed by a eulogy and remarks at 12:30 PM with refreshments to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

The Smith family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the staff of Advent Health Ocala, Vitas Hospice, The Villages, and **HIERS-BAXLEY FUNERAL SERVICES**.

A full obituary may be viewed at:

<https://www.afterall.com/funeral-cremation/florida/the-villages/hiers-baxley-life-event-center-buffalo-ridge/flhcv.html>

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