



July 25, 1928 - May 27,2017

John A. Smith passed away quietly Saturday May 27,2017, following a stroke. John was born July 25, 1928 in Detroit Michigan to Joe and Janet (Jennie) Smith. His parents immigrated from Wales to Detroit via Canada in 1923. Following his mother's death in 1937 he returned to Wales with his father going through Ellis Island. At the age of 17, he returned to the United States.

John served as a merchant marine as a very young man. He enlisted in the US Air Force in 1952, traveling the world before retiring in 1972. He worked at Grand Forks Air Force base in North Dakota, retiring in 1992. He also worked as a TSA agent at the Grand Forks international airport and was a 32° Master Mason and Shriner for over 50 years.

He married the love of his life DeLoris Parker in Kalispell Montana on May 28, 1960. They would have celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Sunday.

John is survived by his wife DeLoris, daughters Jennifer (Joe) West and Heather (Jim) Cruz, 3 grandchildren Ian and Vaughn Cruz and Cortney West all of San Antonio. And his beloved dog Carley.

Visitation will be June 8th from 10 am-12 pm at Funeral Caring, 6539 Bandera Rd, with internment at Ft. Sam Houston cemetery at 1:15 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for contributions to your local humane society.

The family wishes to thank the amazing staff at University Hospital for the care and compassion they gave John and his family; The staff at Sister Mary hospice center their strength and understanding during his final day; and Ms. Monica Castellaje at Rosa's house, you are truly an angel. He will be greatly missed.



May 28, 1960



Carley