



## George Smith

February 5, 1922 - January 5, 2009

Obituary of George Smith Col. George K. Smith, USAF (Ret), 86, passed away January 5, 2009. Col. Smith was a United States Air Force Command pilot, logging more than 9500 flying hours in military aircraft, including 30 missions as a B-17 bombardier/navigator in the Air Offensives over Western and Central Europe during World War II. Col. Smith was born February 5, 1922 in Spartanburg, S.C., graduating from Spartanburg High School in 1941 and attending Presbyterian College in Clinton. Col Smith's distinguished military career spanned 28 years including assignments as a counter intelligence officer, Bomber Wing and Squadron Commander (Biggs AFB, TX), Director of Material for the Strategic Air Command (Offutt AFB, NE), Deputy Base Commander (Ben Guerir, Morocco), Missile Squadron Commander (Lincoln, NE), Deputy Base Commander and Vice Wing Commander (Barksdale AFB, LA), and the Commander of Da Nang Air Base in the Republic of Vietnam. Col. Smith was posted to numerous other assignments and staff positions during his career. He retired from military service in 1970 culminating his 28 years of service with numerous accolades, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, the Vietnamese Service Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (5 Battle Stars), and the Air Medal (4 Clusters). Following his retirement from the Air Force, Col Smith made his home in Ocala, FL. He is survived by his loving wife Polly, sons Kitch and wife Marylynn, David and his wife Wendy, Keith and his wife Daphne, and five grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7pm

on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at Roberts Funeral Homes Bruce Chapel East, 2739 SE Maricamp Road, Ocala, FL 352-732-9944. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Friday, January 9, 2009 at 12:00pm. Interment with full military honors will be at Florida National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Fisher House and Hospice of Marion County.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dad, I Love Ya!!*

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**Keith Smith** - January 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *All the staff here at Roberts Funeral Homes want to express our condolences to the family of Col. George Smith at this difficult time.*

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**Ann Collins** - January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM