



## Dwight Oneal Smith

March 2, 1922 - October 31, 2018

Dwight Oneal Smith, age 96, of Albia, passed away Wednesday, October 31, 2018, at the Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Dwight was born on March 2, 1922, in Monroe County, Iowa to James Oneal Smith and Lottie Brown of the Blakesburg, Bunch, and Maxwell area of Monroe Co. Dwight was one of six children, Otis, Blanche, Velda, Erma and Hazel. The family worked to help build Lake Wapello and were tenant farmers. Dwight graduated from Albia High School in 1940. On August 26, 1942, he married Delta Marie Whitlock in Albia and to this union, 3 children were born, Charles, Donna, and Larry. Dwight and Delta shared 75 years of marriage prior to her passing.

Dwight joined the United States Army Combat Engineers in 1943 and served his country during World War II driving trucks supplying bridge building materials. He was in France during their liberation and in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge. He returned home from his service and worked at John Deere in Ottumwa until retirement. After retiring, Dwight helped mow cemeteries in Monroe County, enjoyed traveling to visit family and army buddies, and spent leisure time refinishing antique kitchen cupboards and helping Delta with her antique shop and flea markets. Dwight was a member of the First Christian Church in Albia. His real joy in life was spending time with his family and friends.

Dwight is survived by a daughter, Donna Smith of Amarillo, TX; a son, Larry D. (Sandy) Smith of Quincy, IL; 4 grandchildren, Janis (Jim) Johnson, Jeff (Dawn) Smith, Julia Smith-Marzullo Reneau, and Amber Smith; 7 great grandchildren, Justin, Jamie, Jacob, Fletcher, Mitchell, Nick, and Noel; a sister in law Ruth Sharp of Des Moines, IA; and a daughter-in-law, Kay Smith of Anamosa, IA. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Delta Smith; a son, Charles Leon Smith and his parents and siblings.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 9, 2018, at the First Christian Church in Albia with Pastor Lynda Carlson officiating. Burial will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia, Iowa. Military rites will be provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia.

The family requests that all memorials be made to the First Christian Church in Albia Iowa.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church  
203 Washington Ave East  
Albia, IA 52531

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dwight Oneal Smith*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Dwight Oneal Smith*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *My condolences to the Smith family. Both of your parents were vert nice.*



**Dorothy J Allison** - November 07, 2018 at 10:14 AM



“ *So sorry Larry and Sandy.*

**Maggie Popson** - November 05, 2018 at 08:26 PM