



## John Smith

March 25, 1920 - December 27, 2007

John Nelson Smith, 87 year-old resident of Decatur, Arkansas, died December 27, 2007, at Circle of Life Hospice. Born March 25, 1920 in Decatur, Arkansas, he was the son of John W. Smith and Faye Bookout Smith. He served with the Army during World War II in France, Italy, Germany and Switzerland. John was married to Verna Lurleen Greenman Smith for 45 years before she passed away. He worked for the City of Inglewood, California in their maintenance department until he retired in 1975. He also worked for Decatur School District as a Bus Driver until he retired in 2001. John enjoyed gardening, raising flowers and visiting friends and family. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, four brothers: Ervia Smith, Zelia Smith, Albert Smith and Orlia Smith; four sisters: Annie Barnwell, Flora McKinsie, Mariella Garrett and a Baby Girl Smith; and one stepson, Bill Cordeiro and wife Dorcas. Survivors include a loving companion of 18 years: Gladys Evelyn Taylor of Decatur; two sons: John "Jay" W. Smith and wife Eve of Sagel, ID, Nelson Loyd Smith of Hayden Lake, Idaho; one daughter: Florence Fay Montoya and husband Ralph of Rathdrum, Idaho; three stepsons: Mike Cordeiro and wife Anita, James Taylor and wife Sheila, Clay Taylor and wife Rhonda; one stepdaughter, Jill Baldwin and husband Jerry; 4 grandsons, 3 granddaughters, 9 step grandsons, 7 step granddaughters, 4 great grandsons, 2 great granddaughters, 1 step great grandson and 5 step great granddaughters. Graveside services will be 10:00 am, Monday, December 31, 2007 at Decatur Cemetery, Decatur, Arkansas with Sherman Robinson and

Glenn Orlia Whitman officiating. Burial will follow. He will be instate from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Sunday, December 30, 2007 at Wasson Funeral Home, Inc., Siloam Springs, AR.

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“ Words are inadequate to express sympathy and are of little comfort at this time. My thoughts are with you during this period of adjustment and the days ahead.

*Dr Chris Simpson*

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**Dr Chris Simpson** - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM