



Irwin A. Smith

February 1, 1929 - March 26, 2014

Irwin A. (Smitty) Smith

Irwin was born in 1929 in Brooklyn, N.Y. and passed away at the age of 85. With the outbreak of the Korean Conflict he was called to serve in the military. After 19 weeks of attending the army's baking school at Fort Meade in Maryland, he was shipped to California to process for shipment to Korea to serve in the Korean War. While stationed at base in Petaluma he met his future wife, Marlene. After 17 months of service in Korea Smitty returned to the U.S. and moved to California and started their family. He eventually in 1982 moved his family to Visalia where he purchased the Hen's Nest Restaurant followed by the Apple Annies Restaurant chain, where his three children, Wendy, Paul and Larry worked the family business in the day to day operations. In 2002 Smitty was inducted in the California Restaurant "Hall of Fame".

Smitty will always be remembered for his passion of kindness, the great love he had for his children and grandchildren and his love for the restaurant business. He was well known and greatly respected in the community. His family will always remember his quote, "I would rather wear out than rust out". He is survived by his loving wife, Marlene of 60 years, his three children, Wendy (Bryan), Paul (Sharon), and Larry and his 7 grandchildren, Shane & Joshua Costa, Jeffrey, Zachary and Stephanie Smith; and Chance and

Charish Smith.

Visitation will be Monday, March 31, 2014 from 4:00-7:00 pm at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 East Caldwell Ave. Graveside Service will be Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 1:00 pm at Beth Israel Cemetery at 1701 West Belmont Ave. in Fresno. For question regarding Services call Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel at (559) 635-1144.

Cemetery Details

Beth Israel Cemetery

1701 W Belmont Ave
Fresno, CA 93728

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 635-1144
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Graveside

APR 1. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Peggy Mangano & The Mangano Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Irwin A. Smith.*



Peggy Mangano & The Mangano Family - March 31, 2014 at 03:08 PM



“ *My dad was a strong man. A warrior and a trooper. I was lucky enough to have his traits. I love you dad, always and forever, and will listen to you forever. I miss you dad so much.*

Larry Smith - March 30, 2014 at 02:08 AM

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Your dad will truly be missed. He was such a wonderful, caring person, and being his restaurant health inspector over the years I got to really know him even though we went around and around at times. He was such a funny guy as well. Peace to your entire family and take good care of your Mom. ...Elaine (Laney)

laney baltazar - April 03, 2014 at 11:02 AM