



Bryant Haskins Smith

November 20, 1937 - February 17, 2024

Bryant Haskins Smith, age 86, of Lorain, passed away peacefully at Avon Place on the morning of Saturday February 17, 2024 following an extended illness. He was born in Graham, North Carolina on November 20, 1937 and had been a resident of Ohio since 1960.

Bryant was a veteran of the United States Army where he fulfilled duty assignments as a communications specialist in Southeast Asia during the Viet Nam War. He was a long-time member of Italian-American Veterans Post # 1 in Lorain.

Upon his return from military service, he joined the Elyria Telephone Company embarking on a career in telephony that spanned thirty-seven years. He retired from the company's successor, Windstream, in 2001.

Bryant was member of the Eastside Block Watch as well as an active parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Lorain where he formerly served as an usher. A familiar face at the Lorain Senior Center, he also played an integral role in the establishment and emerging popularity of the annual tree and model train display at the Black River Landing during the Christmas season.

When free time permitted, Bryant enjoyed traveling as well as testing his luck

at various casinos. Additional interests included vegetable gardening, canning, and cooking.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-one years Julia A. (nee Blankenship), along with sons Douglas A. Smith (Susan) of Lorain and David J. Smith (Tammy) of Brecksville. Additional survivors include grandchildren Caleigh, Garrett, Douglas, Megan, and twins Madison and Mitchell, as well as eight great grandchildren, brother Clinton Smith (Brenda) and sister Ruth Ann Braxton (Ernest).

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his father John Haskins Smith and mother Rachel Smith (nee Sykes).

Bryant's family will receive visitors in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church – 1305 East Erie Avenue, Lorain on Saturday March 2, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of his Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m.. Reverend Edward Smith, Pastor of the parish will officiate. Inurnment will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Bryant's family respectfully requests you to consider a contribution in his memory to the Lorain Senior Center – 3361 Garfield Blvd. – Lorain, OH 44052.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

555 N Ridge Rd
Lorain, OH 44053
<https://clecem.org/Cemeteries/CalvaryLorain.aspx>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
1305 E Erie Ave
Lorain, OH 44052
<http://www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish>

Funeral Mass

MAR 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
1305 E Erie Ave
Lorain, OH 44052
<http://www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish>

Tribute Wall

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“ Your CESO family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bryant Haskins Smith.

Your CESO family - February 26, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bryant Haskins Smith.



February 26, 2024 at 10:16 AM

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“ Working with Bryant was always with a smile on his face, never had a bad word about anyone. I remember when he won all that money I forgot how much, but I thought he meant dollars, but he just laughed and said no nickels . He and Judy was just a loving couple. My heart breaks for her and all his family, such a nice guy. We had some good times at our retiree breakfasts. Rest In Peace dear Bryant.

Kate Modock - February 23, 2024 at 06:17 PM

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Doug and David I am so sorry for the passing of your father. My dad working with him at the phone company. Every time your father he would put his hand and say Mr Haupt. It made me feel like an adult. His body may be gone but his spirit will live on through you 🙏

Timothy C Haupt - February 28, 2024 at 03:56 PM

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“ *Thru his son Dave and my niece Tammy Bryant has been a part of our family for many many years. He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone..May He Rest in Peace. Judi Kubit*

judi Kubit - February 23, 2024 at 03:32 PM