

Ronald Smith

Ronald C. Smith, age 73, 442 Chestnut St., Columbia, passed away on Friday evening at Hospice of Lancaster County Inpatient Center. Born in Yonkers, NY, he was the son of Charles and Margaret Ryan Smith, who preceded him in death.

Ronald was a Ceramic Engineer, having graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, Alfred, NY in 1958. While there, he ran cross-country and indoor and outdoor 2-mile track.

From 1958-60, he was in the US Army, stationed in Fort Dix and Fort Monmouth, NJ.

After leaving the army, he was employed by various companies in the field of magnetic ceramics. His first position was at Ferroxcube Corp., Saugerties, NY where he met his wife. Other moves took him to Speer Carbon, Niagara Falls, NY; Ceramic Magnetics, Fairfield, NJ; Fairrite Products Corp., Robinson, IL and Magnetics, Inc., Bethlehem, PA. He was a lifetime member of the American Ceramic Society.

Upon retirement, he and his wife ran the Columbia Bed & Breakfast and later did inn-sitting for many B&B's in the Lancaster Area.

While in Niagara Falls, he joined the Gideons International and was very active having served in local as well as state positions. He was a member of Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Columbia.

He is survived by wife, the former Gloria Saulter. They would have celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in December. He also has two daughters, Rebekah, married to Christopher Will of Columbia and Virginia of Princeton, IN; a son Ronald Joseph married to Karla Coombs of Hopatcong, NJ; nine grandchildren; James, Kasandra, Sean, Brian, Karla, Sarah and Adrianna Smith and Kathryn and Zachary Will; brothers, Robert of Colebrook, CT and Richard White-Smith of Schenectady, NY.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be sent to Gideons International, PO Box 194, Manheim, PA 17545 for the purchases of Bibles or to Hospice of Lancaster County, PO Box 4125, Lancaster PA 17604-4125. Arrangements by the Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc.