

## James G. Smith

James G. Smith, 88, died Thursday, December 18, 2008 in Barn Hill Care Center, Newton, NJ.

**Born:** April 8, 1920 in Watertown, Mich., he was a son of the late Oliver Johnson and Bernice Martha Griggs Smith.

**Personal:** His wife, the late Ellen Bertholf Smith, died in 1985.

James lived in Hackettstown, moving from Michigan in 1964. He was a safety engineer at Continental Insurance Co.

He served in the Merchant Marine and the Coast Guard during World War II.

**Memberships:** James was a former Mayor and councilman in Hackettstown. He was a life member of F&AM 519 Detroit, trustee of Blue Ridge Post American Legion 164, where he was chairman of the Bingo Committee and the Boy State Committee, VFW Post 282. He was chairman of Warren County Support Group for National Guard, past chairman and member of H.M.U.A. and a trustee of VFW Post 282 Hackettstown.

**Survivors:** A brother, George Smith in Michigan; a nephew, Todd Bertholf of Blairstown and a granddaughter, Jessica Hahn Ward in Maryland.

**Services:** Funeral services will be held 8:00 p.m. Monday in the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High Street, Hackettstown. Interment will be in Elk Township Cemetery, Peck, Michigan. Visiting hours will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

**Memorials:** Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to [www.cochran-funeral.com](http://www.cochran-funeral.com).

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