



## Walter Thomas Smiley

December 13, 1923 - November 11, 2018

Walter Thomas Smiley Jr.

Age 94, passed away on November 11, 2018 in Madison. He was born in Chicago, IL on December 13, 1923 to Walter and Mae Smiley. His time growing up was spent between their home in Cicero, IL and the family cabin on Boot Lake in Springstead. He received an undergraduate degree in Agriculture from UW-Madison and a graduate degree in Poultry Science from U of I-Champaign. He enlisted in the US Air Force where he served as a flight engineer. On October 1, 1949 he married his wife of 69 years, Jean (Benedetti) Smiley. After their marriage they relocated to Marion, Ohio where he started and poultry farm and raised his six children. He always found time to return to his beloved Book Lake several times a year for hunting and fishing, eventually retiring there.

He is survived by:

His wife Jean Smiley of Springstead

His children:

Diane (Larry) Glen of Bartlett, IL

Tom (Nick) Smiley of Stoughton

Sharon (Mark) Andrus Chicago, IL

Dan Smiley Belgium, WI

Mark (Julie) Smiley Baraboo

His daughter-in-law Joyce Smiley of Apopka, FL

(9)grandchildren, (6)great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.  
He was preceded in death by his parents and his son Mike Smiley.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday November 15, 2018 at 11:00am at the Novitzke Funeral Home Chapel in Park Falls. Fr. Shaji Pazhukkathara will officiate. Military honors will follow under the auspices of the Park Falls American Legion and VFW Posts.

A visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 10:00am until the hour of the service.

Memorials can be made to Agrace Foundation, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway; Madison, WI 53711 or at: [agrace.org/donate](http://agrace.org/donate)

The Novitzke Funeral Home is assisting the family.  
[www.novitzkefuneralhome.com](http://www.novitzkefuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Novitzke Funeral Home  
322 Sherry Ave  
Park Falls, WI 54552  
(715) 762-3287

## Memorial Service

NOV 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Military Honors

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Thomas Smiley*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I didn't learn of this until after the memorial. You have my deepest sympathy.*

**Carol Thuot** - November 23, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Thomas Smiley.*



November 14, 2018 at 10:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter Thomas Smiley.*



November 14, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Thomas Smiley.*



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November 12, 2018 at 08:33 PM