



## Reverend Wilfred T. Smith

September 4, 1929 - August 25, 2016

Reverend Wilfred T. Smith, age 86, entered into rest August 25, 2016 at Jennings Home for older adults. He was born September 4, 1929 in Lakewood.

Ordained a priest for the Diocese of Cleveland in 1956. Emeritus Pastor at St. Mary of the Assumption (Mentor), and parochial vicar at St. Philip Neri, Holy Name, St. Robert (Euclid), St. Mary's (Wooster), St. Peter (Brookpark) and Immaculate Conception (Madison); frequent celebrant of Mass at the Lake County Fair and at Beaumont for the Boy Scouts.

He attended St. Christopher's Grade School in Rocky River, was a graduate of St. Ignatius High School, Class of 1947, St. Charles Borromeo, Catonsville, MD and St. Mary's Seminary, Cleveland. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, St. Mary of the Assumption Men's Club, Holy Name Society. A Jolly Fellows Classmate, card player, golfer, model railroader. A Faith-filled man who brought fun to many situations. We have been richly blessed.

Survivors include his nieces & nephews: Sr. Carol Anne Smith, HM, Kathleen (Robert) Chevalier, Joanne (George) Young, Bernard (Mary) Smith, David (Anne) Zeber, Philip Zeber, Laura (Bob) Maloney, Ray Zeber, Nancy (Joe) Spicuzza, Susan (Enaiat) Kohansall, Judy (Tom) George, Capt. Rick (Bonnie) Zeber; Great-Uncle to 25 and great-great-Uncle to 14.

Fr. Smith is preceded in death by his parents: Lloyd W. and Gertrude Smith, siblings: William J. (Anne Marie) Smith, Laretta (H.W) Zeber, nephews: Rev. Paul F. Smith, William Joseph Smith and John Robert Smith.

Vesper Service will be 3 pm Tuesday August 30, 2016 at St Mary of the Assumption Church, 8560 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, Ohio 44060. Followed by visitation from 4-8 pm Tuesday in the church.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 am Wednesday August 31, 2016 at the church.

Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Brookpark, OH.

Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Cleveland Area Chapter, P.O. Box 74924 Cleveland, Ohio 44194-4924.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, Ohio 44060.

Send flowers and offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

14609 Brookpark Rd.  
Brookpark, OH 44106  
(216) 267-2850

# Previous Events

## Vespers

**AUG 30.** 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Of The Assumption Church  
8560 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3404  
<https://stmarysmentor.org/>

## Visitation

**AUG 30.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

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AUG **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CG

“ *Fr Smith married my husband Brian and myself Carol at St Mary's of the Assumption Church on May 2 1992.He also preformed my Father Robert T Walsh's funeral Mass at St Mary's of the Assumption Church on August 15 1982. He was my parish Pastor for as long as I could have remembered. He will be dearly missed.*

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**Carol Gardner** - January 07, 2017 at 09:51 PM

PK

“ *Phyllis Koach lit a candle in memory of Reverend Wilfred T. Smith*



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**Phyllis Koach** - August 30, 2016 at 08:35 AM

PK

*Deeply sadden by Father Smith passing. I shall always remember him for our discussion on religion, love and forgiveness. I enjoyed his liturgies during mass and most of all his quick action during mass that he couldn't hear us sing and his comments about kneelers being slammed. He brought happiness to me and even though is gone from this side of heaven, he will not be forgotten.*

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**Phyllis Koach** - August 30, 2016 at 08:42 AM

AZ

“ Fr. Smith Unk con celebrated the marriage of my husband Dave and I. We took his premarrriage class which helped prepare us for the vows of marriage, for richer for poorer in sickness and in health til death do us part. He baptised our son Mike. He showed us kindness compassion, love, and mirth. I observed him showing these traits to those around him. He taught me ways to love laugh,have fun and to forgive. Loved seeing his model trains and listening to his tapes of Neil Diamond.Played a few games of cards with him in my younger years and thank God it was for pennies and nickles. I have since see him play cards with his card buddies and they had fun He was ever so gracious and when someone did something for him, it was marvelous. He taught us to bless our food and God Bless taste buds. Will miss your smile He will be missed but I know he is with God sharing time with those who went before him. What a grand reunion! God Bless you and your family and friends who are here that they may continue your legacy. Love Neice-in-law Anne

az - August 29, 2016 at 09:22 PM

TS

“ Ted and Alice Shearer praise God for Father Smith in our life, for his direction and many blessings. He encouraged us, challenged us and made us laugh! He was a kind man and really loved the Lord. We loved him and respected him.

Ted and Alice Shearer - August 29, 2016 at 03:57 PM



“ Loved to talk trains with him !! a great Man !!!

Jeffrey Minor - August 29, 2016 at 10:50 AM

JK

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Jeff Klein** - August 28, 2016 at 12:49 PM

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“ *Father Smith con celebrated many masses with my Uncle, Father Ernest Spittler. He was a wonderful priest and friend. Rest in peace Father Smith ...*

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**Andrea Spittler Wolfgram** - August 28, 2016 at 11:18 AM