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Francis Lee "Frank" Smith went to sleep and woke up in the arms of Jesus on February 26, 2015, in Wenatchee, WA. He was born August 12, 1917, in Fall River, KS, to Charley and Ethel Mae Smith. The family moved to Entiat, WA in 1937. Then Frank moved to Wenatchee about 1950, where he worked at various jobs, including as a checker at Safeway, and then working at Keyes Fiber until his retirement in 1983. He enjoyed working, and it was an adjustment for him to retire. He did adjust, though, and he and Birdie spent many happy times in their motorhome, traveling to visit family and camping at Thousand Trails. He spent 1946 and 1947 in the Army, mostly in Korea as a surgical technician, and was honorably discharged in 1947. One of Frank's favorite pastimes was talking about the good old days. He reminisced often about his childhood, his Army time, and his jobs, which he loved. He met Birdie Barnes, a young widow from Yakima, in 1971, and on June 3, 1972, she became his wife and the love of his life. For all of their married life, he referred to her in any conversation as "my wife" with great love and pride. He was a true old-fashioned gentleman, always opening doors for her, and even carrying her purse for her, right to the end. Frank was a faithful member of Wenatchee First Assembly of God since 1972.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Birdie; his son, Dan of Yakima, WA; his sister, Zenobia Tyrrell of Wenatchee; two stepsons, Wally Barnes at home, and Ron (Joyce) Barnes of Zillah, WA; stepdaughter, Louise Slawson of Oregon City, OR; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Vicki; one brother, Charley; and two sisters, DeLoris and Hazel.

Frank was buried privately in West Hills Memorial Park, Yakima, WA on March 5, 2015. A small Graveside Service was held on March 15, 2015, by family in the Yakima Valley, who cannot attend the Memorial Service to be held in Wenatchee.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at Wenatchee First Assembly of God, with Pastor Jerry Beebe officiating. Donations may be made in memory of Frank to Wenatchee First Assembly of God, 1520 McKittrick Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801, in lieu of flowers. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.