John Philip Smith, Jr.

(14 Jul 1917 - 6 Jul 1998)

Smith, John Philip Jr., On Monday July 6, 1998 at Mt. Vernon Hospital. Beloved husband of Mary Jane Briar Smith; loving father of John Philip Smith, III and Margaret Leland Smith. Also survived by other family members, John Briar III, Suzanne Briar, David and Whitney Savage, John Preston Briar and Daniel Pierce. Friends may call on Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Ft. Hunt Rd., Alexandria, Va, where services will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church Organ Fund. Arrangements by Demaine Funeral Home.

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Civil Engineer

John Philip Smith Jr., 80, a civil engineer who retired in 1985 as vice president of Charles H. Tompkins Co. of Washington, died of respiratory failure July 6 at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

Mr. Smith, a resident of Alexandria, was born in Washington. He graduated from Central High School and the University of Maryland. He served in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II.

He spent his entire working career in the construction business with Charles H. Tompkins. He was a past president of Master Builders and a member of the Washington Builders Congress.

He had been a warden, trustee, choir member, director of acolytes, lay reader and chalice bearer at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Alexandria.

His first wife, Betty Hottel Smith, died in 1967.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane Briar Smith of Alexandria; two children from his first marriage, Margaret Leland Smith of New York and John Philip Smith III of Lansing, Mich.; two stepchildren, John Briar III and Suzanne Briar, both of Alexandria; and four grandchildren.