

# W.P. "Bill" Smith

## I N M E M O R Y

*April 11, 2002*

Smith, William (Bill) Parker, born May 4, 1921 in Bellfontaine, OH passed away suddenly on April 11, 2002. Survivors include Mickie, his wife of 60 years; son, Mike and his wife, Susan; daughter, Patricia Zundel and her husband, Bill; grandchildren, Terri Smith, Kristopher Smith, Dusti Zundel; brother, Kay Smith; nieces and nephews; and many lifelong friends.

Bill attended the University of Ohio where he was the Drum Major. He twirled the first flaming baton that was twirled in Ohio. He played the ukulele with the Smith Family Orchestra first performing at age 6. He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1943. Retired from Herff Jones in 1985. While with Herff Jones, he worked with most of the high school bands in New Mexico.

As a 50 year member of the Shriners, his love of music had him involved with the Shrine Band where he was a drum major and a drummer. There wasn't an instrument that Bill couldn't play!

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday at Fitzgerald & Son, 3113 Carlisle Blvd. NE. Visitation will be Monday from Noon to 5:00p.m. and from 8:00 a.m. to Service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the W.P. Smith Memorial Fund, New Mexico Music Educators Association, 304 West Christopher, Clovis, NM 88101.