



## Ray L. Smith

July 14, 2008

? Ray L. Smith, 85, passed away Monday, July 14, 2008 at Flower Hospital.? He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary, siblings, Austin, Glen, Kenneth, Delite, Lyndon and Clayton.? Ray was born September 12, 1922 on a farm in Lyons, OH, the son of John and Abbey Smith. ? He was a retired trucker and a member of the Teamsters.? ? Surviving is his brother, John Jr. (Audry) from Wauseon; sister, Dorothy Hall from FL; step granddaughter, Cathy (Steve) Ripley from MI; niece, Betty Jean (Tom) Zmijewski and many other nieces and nephews. ? Services will be 11 AM Thursday in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue where the family will receive friends from 3-7 PM Wednesday.?

# Tribute Wall

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“*Uncle Ray... Oh how you will be missed. My mother was Ethel "Boots" (Holton) Schindler and worked at Mary's Tavern on Central Avenue for many years. My Dad (Harold) was one of Ray's Buddies from the 1950's highway construction days. My stepfather was Jerry Schindler who was Mary's nephew. I grew up in the Central Ave neighborhood where Ray Smith was a Blue Color Legend. He was famous (Smitty) among his peer Teamsters for his hard work ethic. I haven't seen Ray for many years but will never forget his smile and roaring laugh that you could hear a block away. He had a heart of Gold and helped countless people who were down and out over the years. He may well be the last of the Central Avenue Legends. Uncle Ray; You will be missed... Randy & Loretta (Lee) Holton (Kenosha, WI)*

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