# Franz Austin Smith Obituary

Franz Austin Smith, formerly of Newport, died at home February 10, in Lyndonville, after battling cancer.

Son of Raymond and Anna (Franz) Smith, he was born on August 21, 1927. He served his country in the United States Navy from 1945-1946 and again from 1950-1953. Franz worked as a tradesman while attending college. He graduated from Lyndon State College in 1959.

Following college he worked as a schoolteacher from 1959 until his retirement in 1988. Franz taught his students as he lived his life -- methodical, caring and with humor.

Among his accomplishments: he was a lifelong member of the American Legion; he owned a garage and service station in Lyndonville; he obtained a license in real estate; he was a lifetime membership of the Vermont Vocational Teacher Association; and he was an Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was also an active member of the Football Association, the Lions Club, and the NRA.

His pastimes included hunting, fishing, and boating. Franz enjoyed his time as a ski instructor, Vermont State Police Auxiliary Trooper, Orleans County Deputy Sheriff and as a member of the Newport Police Department.

He was predeceased by his wife of 42 years, Jetta (Ramsey) Smith; daughter Toni Smith; and two sisters, Vivian Monahan and Delores Towle.

Franz was an accomplished entrepreneur and a beloved family man. He is survived by his loving companion of 22 years, Beverly Tripp and family; son William Smith; daughter Jetta (Smith) Grant; 5 granddaughters and 9 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held in the spring with notification and time to follow at a later date.