



James Arthur Word, M.D., 85 of Smiths Grove died Saturday, January 18, 2014 at his residence.

The Augusta, KY native was a son of the late Carroll Emerson and Gertrude Smith Word and is preceded in death by a brother, C.E. Word. He was the husband of the late Ruby Jones Word. He was a graduate of University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville School of Medicine. Dr. Word was in practice at Smiths Grove from 1969-1975. He continued his education in 1975 at University of Kentucky and University of Cincinnati in radiation oncology. He was director of radiation oncology from 1978 til his retirement in 2000 at Ball State Memorial Hospital in Muncie, IN. He was a member of Smiths Grove Baptist Church and a Kentucky Colonel.

His survivors are his children, Jane Elrod and husband Steve; Linda Farris; and Jimmy Word and wife Gina; six grandchildren, Jason Elrod, Heather Stringfield, Cody Farris, Quentin Farris, Kacy Word, Clay Word; five great grandchildren, Seth Elrod, Ty, Todd & Tucker Stringfield and Adaline Farris; two brothers, John Word and Gary Word; special caregivers Glenda Tooley and Sadie Reynolds and a special thanks to previous caregivers.

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at Hardy & Son Funeral Home, Bowling Green Chapel with burial in Smiths Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be 2:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday and 9:00a.m.-1:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home

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