Paul Smith

Paul L. Smith passed away at his home on January 15, 2015 in Seal Beach, CA, one week short of his 97th birthday. He was born in Chicago on January 22, 1918. After settling in Southern California, he graduated from Cal Tech with a degree in mechanical engineering. He worked for the Douglas Aircraft Company and later became Vice President of Marketing for the Missiles and Space Division of the McDonnell Douglas Corporation. He enjoyed magic all of his life, not only performing but teaching as well. He was the oldest living charter member (member #27) of The Magic Castle in Los Angeles.

Paul was a loving husband to the late Lorna Curtis Smith and beloved father of Susan McKee of Tennessee, Stephen D. Smith, D.P.M. of Huntington Beach, CA, Charles R. Smith of Colorado and the late Barbara Streihlein of Diamond Bar, CA. He is survived by 13 grandchildren and his beloved friend and partner, Irene Johnson of Seal Beach, CA. He will truly be missed by all who knew him. A celebration of his life will be held this spring. Please sign the guest book at www.presstelegram.com/obits.

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