



# IN MEMORIAM



## *E. Rodney "Rod" Smith*

1933 - 2009



Lion E. Rodney (Rod) Smith of Alto, NM, age 76, died on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso, NM. His parents, now deceased, were Ethel Smith Bryerton and Frank Smith of Newark, DE. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Hill Smith of Alto, NM, his daughter, Sharon L. Smith of Baltimore, MD, son Marc R. Smith, his wife Kimberlee, grand children, Madeleine H. Smith and Samuel H. Smith of Ruidoso, NM, and his sister, Shirley Wyatt, of Newark, DE.

Lion Rod was born in West Grove, PA, graduated from Newark High School and attended Goldie Beacom College in Wilmington, DE. He was employed at the Chrysler Corporation, Newark Assembly Plant in DE for 38 years. After serving in the US Army for two years, he and Cynthia made their home in Wilmington, DE, and then retired to Wilmington, NC. Three years ago, they moved to Alto, NM. Lion Rod was an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoyed building anything in his workshop.

Lion Rod was a life member of the Newark, DE, Volunteer Fire Department and a past member of the Buccaneer Gun Club in Wilmington, NC. He belonged to the Delaware Freemasons, Hiram Lodge, and the National Rifle Association. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ruidoso.

Lion Rod joined the Newark Lions Club in August 1974. In 2006, he joined the Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club and has been active member since that time. Lion Rod was a gentle and interesting person who was a joy to work and socialize with. Our fond memories of him will be with us forever. Farewell fellow Lion and dear friend.

The Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions