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Village Receives Notice of Former Mayor Marv Smith Passing

Sun City West, AZ. Now that his celebration of life is planned the Village received notice that former Grayslake Mayor Marvin “Marv” Smith, age 79, passed away on March 26, 2020.

Marv was elected as mayor of Grayslake in 1989 and served a four-year term. During this time, he also served on several county commissions as well as being director of the Lake County Municipal League and the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency. Prior to this he was appointed to the Grayslake Village Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. He was elected as a Village Trustee several times over an 18-year period. In addition, Marv served as general chairman for the Village’s Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

Marv was very proud of his involvement in a variety of community service organizations including Illinois Education Association, National Education Association, Grayslake Historical Society, American Librarians Association, Actors Equity Union, Grayslake Faculty Association, Grayslake Jaycees and the Grayslake Lions Club. When Marv moved to Arizona, he continued to support the Lion’s Club by joining the northwest valley’s Mid-Week chapter.

Marv graduated from Grayslake High School in 1958. Marv attended Northern Illinois University where he earned a BS in 1962 in Education majoring in Speech and Theater with a minor in Library Science and began his teaching career as a librarian in the Crystal Lake School System. He transferred to Grayslake Community High School where he spent his entire 30-year career serving in a variety of positions including Instructional Materials Director, librarian, teaching speech and computer science, retiring in 1993. During that time, Marv returned to NIU earning a Master’s Degree in Instructional Materials in 1970.

"Mayor Smith was truly dedicated to serving his community, whether it was holding elective office, supporting a variety of civic and service groups or educating future generations. Grayslake is truly better today because of his service" said Village of Grayslake Mayor Rhett Taylor.

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