



## Donald Dean Smith

August 20, 1931 - February 28, 2020

Donald Dean Smith, age 88, died at his home on February 28, 2020. He was born August 20, 1931 in Grand Island, Nebraska to Lloyd and Hazel Smith. He was preceded in death two years ago by his wife and buddy of 65 years, Mary Ann Hendrickson Smith. He met Mary Ann in Fitchburg, MA in 1952 on a Ferris wheel ride, and they married a few months later. Don, as a military man, had various overseas assignments, and Mary Ann joined him in Germany when he was stationed there. They both enjoyed traveling Europe, and saw tulips in Holland, music festivals in Vienna, Oktoberfest in Munich, art at The Louvre, and sports car races at di Monza and Le Mans. Don was a race car driver in his spare time, and he won many auto cross and gymkhana races in Texas as a member of the Sports Car Club of America. Don's first professional race car was the Lotus XI, and he placed first at Green Valley Raceway in his first race. He and Mary Ann traded sports cars for a sail boat, and they enjoyed more traveling, photography, and cruises. Many stories of their exciting life will be cherished forever, and Don will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him.