James and Jean Smith of Wilkes-Barre celebrated their 50th anniversary on Feb. 21, 2009.

They were married Feb. 21, 1959, in St. Mary’s Church of the Maternity, Wilkes-Barre, by the Rev. John Goode. Their attendants were Anna Mitchell and Samuel Karpinski.

Mrs. Smith is the daughter of the late Thomas and Maureen Schulman.

Mr. Smith is the son of the late Edward and Catherine Smith.

Mrs. Smith is retired from Wilkes-Barre Area School District after teaching first grade at Daniel J. Flood Elementary for 25 years.

Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Navy during Korea. He retired after 32 years of service at Tobyhanna Army Depot.

They have three children, Joseph Smith and his wife, Mary, Wilkes-Barre; Janine Cooper and her husband, Michael, Wyoming; and Edward Smith and his wife, Melanie, Houston, Texas.

They have seven grandchildren, Jane Doe and her husband, John, Wilkes-Barre; Julie Smith, Plains Township; Joseph Smith Jr., Philadelphia; Nicholas Cooper and his wife, Molly, Jermyn; Jessica Cooper, Wyoming; T.J. and Emily Smith, Houston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith celebrated their anniversary with a dinner hosted by family and friends at the River Grille, Plains Township.