



Howard Buchanan Smith III

February 8, 1949 - June 7, 2023

Howard Buchanan Smith, III, 74, of Conway, SC, passed away June 7th, 2023 at home surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in Charleston, SC, February 8th, 1949 to Catherine and Howard B. Smith, Jr. He grew up in Conway and resided there the majority of his adult life.

He graduated from the Citadel in 1971, served in the US Army, and earned his Master's Degree in Accounting from the University of South Carolina. He worked many years as a CPA at Smith Sapp Bookhout Crumpler and Calliham, and was a respected Professor at Coastal Carolina University.

He enjoyed the outdoors and traveled extensively. He was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and observing wildlife and nature. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Conway.

He was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, JoAnn Jones Smith, and his three children, Mary Catherine Hyman (Joe Hunter), Howard Rahtert Smith, and Sarah Ann Sowada (Zachary). His grandchildren, Ann Bethea Cecil, David William Cecil IV, and Joseph Smith Hyman, affectionately knew him as "Pop". He is also survived by his sisters Kathleen McCracken (Joe Branton) and Libby Saville (Mike), and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was contemplative, mischievous, intelligent, and adventurous. He demonstrated firm conviction in his knowledge and beliefs; he didn't suffer fools. He was faithful to his friends and family until the very end, providing valuable support and counsel to those closest to him.

The family will receive friends at the residence of Mary Catherine Hyman from 4 PM until 6:00 PM Friday.

Memorial donations may be made to First United Methodist Church, 1001 5th Ave, Conway, SC 29526.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BC

“ Howard’s parents were close friends of my parents. We vacationed together a couple of times and I would see Howard around the beach. I smile as I think about those days. Thinking about the fun times in the sixties!

bill chapman - June 22, 2023 at 07:56 PM

CE

“ Howard was a delightful little guy! I was the babysitter for Howard, Lolly and Libby! They were precious and always well-behaved and polite. I loved the whole family! Dr. Smith and Catherine were like second parents to me. I send deepest condolences to everyone, along with heartfelt love and prayers. Cynthia West Eckard

Cynthia Eckard - June 10, 2023 at 12:30 PM

TE

“ JoAnn and family,
My sincere condolences to you during this time. So sorry to hear of Howard’s death. My prayers and love to you during this special time.

Tessa G. Edmondson - June 10, 2023 at 11:57 AM

DP

“ Kathleen and family, I’m so sorry for your loss and you’re in my prayers.

Doris Boyd Piver



Doris Boyd Piver - June 10, 2023 at 11:06 AM

CH

“ JoAnn, Mary Catherine, Howard, and Sarah,
The Shekitkas want to send condolences and love to you all.

Carla L Harman - June 10, 2023 at 10:51 AM

DS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. JoAnn, Libby, and the
Smith family, I hope you find some comfort in your memories of
Howard.

Debby Squires - June 10, 2023 at 08:50 AM

JM

“ JoAnn and family,
I'm sorry to hear of Howard's passing. My
thoughts and prayers with each of you.



Jane Lundy Martin - June 09, 2023 at 10:09 PM

LT

“ I am so sorry JoAnn, Libby and the Smith
family. Howard was so nice and polite to
everyone. I have known him for a long time.
He has accomplished so much in his life.
Howard will be missed by all of his
classmate's. Conway High School Class of 1967.
Lynn Hucks Todd



Lynn Hucks Todd - June 09, 2023 at 08:47 PM

MR

“ So sorry for your loss! Thoughts, prayers and peace that passes all understanding for JoAnn and Family.

Michelle D Reed - June 09, 2023 at 01:10 PM

MA

“ I am the youngest of Harriet and Hub Stackhouse’s children, but I do remember how kind Howard always was to the shy, scrawny little kid who would visit their family home in Conway. I also answered the phone at my parents home when he called when he got the news my mother had passed away. The kindness, vulnerability, and true sorrow in his voice showed how much he loved her too, and that comforted me at a very difficult time. I’ll always be grateful for that. So sorry for your loss and hope, with time, the wonderful memories of him will replace your pain.
Mary Ann Almajed

Mary Ann Almajed - June 09, 2023 at 12:47 PM

CK

I have so many fond memories of the Smith family. We lived next door so there were many interactions. Mother said we were even distant cousins. My heart goes out to you all.

Carolyn (Darden) Karn - June 12, 2023 at 10:01 AM

DS

“ We send condolences to JoAnn and all the Smith Family of your loss.. Howard was always the nicest classmate and true friend to so many people. He was a poster child of the baby boomer generation who grew up following the rules, serving his country, achieving success in a career, believing in God, and giving back to his community. We were all honored to know him. Conway High School Class of 1967
Donna Graham Smith



Donna G Smith - June 09, 2023 at 12:10 PM

BS

“ Howard had a very pleasant and memorable smile and laugh, and his stories were always delightful to hear.
Will miss him greatly!
Rest in peace my friend; you have definitely had a full and remarkable life!
Bill and Lori

Bill & Lori Seignious - June 09, 2023 at 11:16 AM

GJ

“ Libby and family,
So sorry to hear of Howard's passing. He was a high school classmate and was well respected. Praying for you and all your family.



Glenda Floyd Johnson - June 09, 2023 at 10:52 AM

KT

“ Sarah Ann & Family - I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Lifting you all up in prayer.

❤️ Kelly Cerny Touchstone

John 11:25-26. "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.'"

Kelly Touchstone - June 09, 2023 at 10:25 AM

PM

“ A privilege to know him - a first class gentleman. Paul Malone

Paul Malone - June 09, 2023 at 10:05 AM

ME

“ Thoughts, prayers and love to JoAnn and Family!!im so sorry for your loss!

Mike Eddings - June 09, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ JoAnn and the Smith Family

I was so sorry to read of the passing of Howard. May God grant you His Peace and comfort you now and in the days ahead. Memories are precious and I'm sure you have many.

Sylvia Richardson



Sylvia Richardson - June 09, 2023 at 08:59 AM

CS

“ Charles E Sasser lit a candle in memory of Howard Buchanan Smith III



charles e sasser - June 08, 2023 at 08:58 PM

DC

“ Deborah Bishop Clark and Spencer Clark purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Howard Buchanan Smith III.



Deborah Bishop Clark and Spencer Clark - June 08, 2023 at 07:26 PM

DC

“ Deborah Bishop Clark and Spencer Clark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Buchanan Smith III.

Deborah Bishop Clark and Spencer Clark - June 08, 2023 at 07:26 PM

MB

“ Howard was the president of the largest accounting firm in Myrtle Beach, where I practiced law, and over 40 years ago we became close friends. We worked together professionally many times. He was a tax expert, he knew many of the important business leaders in our area, and I learned a lot from him over the years. He became one of my clients, and we shared a passion for hunting, fishing and travel. Several of his friends became my friends, and several of my friends became his friends. He got me into deer hunting, and I got him into fly fishing for trout. We purchased and shared a lot at Woodbury hunting club, where we each kept a trailer when our boys were young, and we traveled widely together many times until his health deteriorated, because of the residual effects of agent orange in Vietnam, to the point that he could no longer take the chance of leaving the country. He was an important part of my life, both professionally and personally. He was a fine man, I was blessed to have known him, and I will miss him. My prayers are with Joann and his family. I have attached a few photos.

Michael Barnett



Michael Barnett - June 08, 2023 at 07:13 PM