



Melville R. Smart

September 9, 1939 - July 13, 2022

Melville R. Smart, of Pawley's Island, SC, passed away peacefully on July 13, 2022 with his daughter at his side.

Mel was born on September 19, 1939, in Newark, New Jersey, son to the late Russell A. Smart and Esther Burns. He was also predeceased by his wife of 44 years, Janet D. Smart.

Mel graduated from Lafayette College before embarking on a very successful career at Western Electric, AT&T and later Lucent Technologies. Mel and Janet followed their careers from Allentown, PA, to Greensboro, NC, Oklahoma City, OK, Miami, FL, and finally back to Bridgewater, NJ. Mel and Janet enjoyed their golden years in South Carolina playing golf, hosting countless family gatherings, playing bridge, and traveling around the world. Not only did Mel travel to all seven continents, but his family was able to relive the moments through epic slideshows with Polka music (another of his true passions) playing in the background.

Mel is survived by his first wife, Nancy R. Smart; his siblings, John Smart and his wife Lynn, Thomas Smart and his wife Suzanne, and Martha Ferguson and her husband Roderick; his two children, Pamela L. Smart and her husband Michael Miller, Thomas J. Smart and his wife Robyn; two step children, Lisa Rogalewicz, and Stephen M. Hudock; his ten grandchildren,

Ryan M. Wentling, Matthew B. Wentling, Donald J. Wentling III, Kelley W. Groves, Ian Smart, Kyle Smart, Kelsey Rogalewicz, Tyler Rogalewicz, Rachel Hudock, and Jacob Hudock; and his great-grandson, Christopher P. Groves, who he met just last month for the first time. In a demonstration of his willpower, Mel walked his daughter down the aisle in June 2022 – a memory that will not be forgotten.

Mel will be sorely missed. While we know he would have loved for everyone to stop by one last time, the family will hold a private service in his memory. In lieu of flowers or for those desiring memorial contributions, please donate to the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I miss our emails and phone conversations! May you rest in peace in Heaven and fly with the angels, dear friend and cousin. Grace & I enjoyed our 2016 visit to your home and your treat at the Italian restaurant. Sorry we didn't get to visit you in your new digs in Georgetown. Sadly, 9 days after you passed, my soulmate, Grace, had a fatal seizure. Perhaps, she will be one of the angels you will meet? I hope to visit with your siblings and families before I pass. My condolences to them all. Amen.*



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