



## Dr. Jack M. Smith

August 6, 1935 - July 27, 2019

A memorial service for Jack M. Smith will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, August 1 at First Presbyterian Church with The Rev. Dr. William Bouknight and the Rev. Bryan Bult officiating. The family will receive friends following the service in Jackson Hall. A private committal service will be held at a later date. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family.

Dr. Smith passed away on July 27, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Thelma Smith, as well as his brother Lawrence Smith.

He was born on August 6, 1935 in Florence, SC, where he also grew up. He was a 1953 graduate of McClenaghan High School, where he excelled in athletics and academics. He was awarded an academic scholarship to study at Wofford College, where he was President of his senior class, a member of the Kappa Alpha Order, and a member of the Senior Order of Gnomes. He graduated in 1957, after which he entered the Medical College of South Carolina. Upon being awarded the Doctor of Medicine degree in 1961, he interned in Charleston and served for two years as a staff surgeon for the US Army Weapons Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois. He completed his neurosurgery residency at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in 1969, following which he entered practice with Drs. Ledyard and Paysinger in Columbia. Dr. Smith served as an accomplished, compassionate neurosurgeon from 1969 to 2000. During his career he held many leadership roles, including serving as Chief of Staff and on the Board of Trustees at Richland Memorial Hospital, President of the South Carolina Association of Neurological Surgeons, and Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery at USC School of Medicine.

In partnership with his wife Sarah, Dr. Smith was an active member of the Columbia community, involved in numerous civic, social, and philanthropic organizations, including serving on the board of the Columbia Museum of Art and the Board of the Oliver Gospel Mission. A man of great faith and also a man of science, Dr. Smith was an active member of Trenholm Road United Methodist Church and later an equally engaged member of First Presbyterian Church. A knowledgeable oenophile, Dr. Smith was a member of several

wine clubs. Among his many other interests, he enjoyed world travel, hunting, golf, and the arts. Above all else, Dr. Smith cherished time with family and friends.

Dr. Smith is survived by his wife of 58 years, Sarah Jeter Smith, his children Alison, Jack (Lisa), and Russell (Tammy); grandchildren Frances, Jackson, Sarah Grace, and Annalise Smith; sisters-in-law Clara Smith, Barbara Jeter, and Jeannie Jeter; and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials may be sent to Oliver Gospel Mission, 1100 Taylor St., Columbia SC 29201, First Presbyterian Church, 1324 Marion St., Columbia, SC 29201, or Trenholm Road UMC, 3401 Trenholm Rd., 29204.

Memories and condolences may be shared at [ShivesFuneralHome.com](https://www.ShivesFuneralHome.com).

# Comments

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“ Sarah and family so sorry to hear of Jack's death. You are all in my prayers

**Connor Higgins** - August 02, 2019 at 01:24 PM

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“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dr. Jack M. Smith.



July 31, 2019 at 05:39 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Jack M. Smith.



July 31, 2019 at 02:00 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the Smith family. May your shared memories of a life together give you comfort. Muchos abrazos y besos, Kimberly & Marco

**Dr. Kimberly Grimes** - July 31, 2019 at 08:00 AM

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“ I never met you sir, but from knowing Allison, I have an idea of the wonderful man and father you must have been. RIP  
Maria A. Salgado

**Maria Salgado** - July 30, 2019 at 07:36 PM

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“ Dear Smith Family,  
I was truly saddened this morning when I saw the news of Dr. Smith.  
I worked at Palmetto Health Richland for 44 years in the Medical Record  
Department.  
He certainly was a favorite physician of mine for many years.  
May God be with you now and in the difficult days ahead. My thoughts and prayers  
are  
with you during this time of sadness.  
May God bless.

Jo Ann Williams - July 30, 2019 at 04:38 PM

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“ Your Friends, John, Jayne, Sam and Max Booth purchased the Tranquil Seas for the  
family of Dr. Jack M. Smith.



Your Friends, John, Jayne, Sam and Max Booth - July 30, 2019 at 10:54 AM

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“ Dear Sarah and Family, It is with great sadness that I read the passing of Jack.  
Please Accept my sincere condolences and know that my thoughts and prayers are  
with you during this sad time. Linda King, Camden,SC

linda king - July 30, 2019 at 09:51 AM

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“ This is very sad for me. I have run many miles and enjoyed many conversations on a  
track with Jack. My life was saved by one of his 'descendant' associates in surgical  
neurology here in Columbia. Jack was one of the most decent, modest, wonderful  
people I have ever known.

Fletcher Spigner III - July 29, 2019 at 09:19 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Jack M. Smith.



July 29, 2019 at 02:15 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Jack M. Smith.



July 29, 2019 at 01:23 PM

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“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dr. Jack M. Smith.



July 29, 2019 at 11:18 AM

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“ Thoughts and prayers.

**Chuck Plowden** - July 29, 2019 at 06:50 AM



“ Sarah and all Jack's family:

I am reminded of this insight from years ago by Aristotle in thinking of Jack's fulfilling life:  
"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit." ~Aristotle

**Jeff Brooker, MD, Columbia** - July 29, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ Such a great man and remarkable family! Sending love and prayers to Sarah, Russell and all of their family.

**MaryAnn Crews** - July 29, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ Oh Russell - I just saw this on Facebook. My prayers are with you and your family at this time. It's so difficult to lose a parent but thank God for your faith and the promise that you will meet again! Love you!

**Rosie Jennings** - July 29, 2019 at 03:31 PM



“ Dear Sarah and family. I was saddened when I learned of Jack's passing. You and your family are in my prayers.

God bless, Bill Hester

**William Hester** - July 30, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ Dear Sara and your family. Darrell and I were so sorry to hear of Jack's death. A wonderful fraternity brother for me, a sincere friend, one of the few who welcomed me as a new med school faculty member those many years ago and a grand classmate in Charleston.

Memories of gathering at Big John's will continue to linger pleasantly. We regret not being present for Jack's memorial service, but will be out of the country at that time.

Bless you all!!\Bill and Darrell Brannon

**Bill and Darrell Brannon** - July 31, 2019 at 10:39 AM