



## Mr. Wilbur C. Smith, Jr.

November 18, 1939 - July 4, 2020

Wilbur Coke Smith, Jr., Commander, USN Retired, of Columbia, died on July 4, 2020. He was born in Columbia, SC on November 18, 1939 to Ruby Lynn Boatwright and Wilbur Coke Smith, Sr.

He was a graduate of The University of South Carolina, Naval ROTC, majoring in Electrical Engineering. He retired from South Carolina Electric and Gas Company after 38 years of service.

Wilbur was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Columbia for 40 years, serving in many capacities with commitment and devotion. His passion for Scouting lasted a lifetime, beginning as a young scout earning the Eagle Scout and Pro Deo Et Patria awards and ending as Chairman of the 50th Lutheran Scout Retreat in 2019.

Wilbur is survived by his wife of 51 years, Diane Tune Smith; sons, Wilbur Coke Smith III (Brooke) of Charleston and David Jonathan Smith (Kim Wendell) of Fuquay-Varina, NC.

A service of committal for the family, led by The Rev. Andrew Isenhower, was held on July 8th at Good Shephard Lutheran Church in the Memorial Garden. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, assisted the family.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3909 Forest Drive, Columbia SC 29204 or a charity of your choice.

# Events

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Good Shephard Lutheran Church

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# Comments

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“ Dear Diane, Trey and David,  
Katherine Lawson sent me the link for Wilbur's obituary earlier today. Please know that Steve and Franklin join me in expressing our condolences to all of you. Although time and distance have not afforded us enough visits in the past thirty-nine years, I have fond memories of our happy times together at St. John's in Charleston, our visits in Columbia and our running into each other in the streets of San Francisco. Wilbur was a gentle, kind soul and a friend to so many. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers .  
Love from Houston,  
Denise Godowns

**Denise Godowns** - July 30, 2020 at 03:38 PM

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“ Diane, Trey and David,  
Tommy and I were so sorry to read of Wilbur's death and are thinking of each of you and keeping you in our prayers. It seems like yesterday when we neighbors having fun together. We are thankful for happy memories and pray your good memories will bring you comfort in the days ahead.  
With love,  
Katherine Lawson

**Katherine Lawson** - July 30, 2020 at 09:05 AM

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“ Wilbur was my first boss at SCEG. He liked to give me a hard time, but I think he had a good heart. Sorry for your loss.  
RIP.

**Evelyn Nunamaker** - July 27, 2020 at 09:45 AM

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“ I enjoyed working with Wilbur @ SCE&G. He was a good friend and a good Lutheran man. It was good to get to see him at our monthly SCANA ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) luncheons the last several years.

**Wayne Caughman** - July 11, 2020 at 09:45 AM

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“ Wilbur was a real joy and pleasure to work with and respected by all. He was always pleasant, possessed a good sense of humor, and thorough with everyone. I can say this confidently through years of working with Wilbur at SCE&G on many projects both large and small. He will be missed!

Marion Frick --July 10, 2020

Marion Frick - July 10, 2020 at 09:32 AM

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“ Wilbur was a very good engineer and a pleasant Christian gentleman. I have great memories of working with him on engineering projects during our many years at SCE&G Co.  
Rick Thomas

Rick Thomas - July 07, 2020 at 10:09 AM