



Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith

July 8, 1952 - May 29, 2021

Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith, 68, a general surgeon in Albany, GA since 1983, died on Saturday, May 29, 2021. Dr. Smith was born on July 8, 1952 in Tifton, Georgia, the fourth of six children to Cecilia Travis Smith and William T. Smith, DDS. Dr. Smith and his loving wife of 45 years, Helen “Sissy” Chance Burgstiner Smith, were married in 1976 in Savannah, GA. He was a devoted husband, son, father, grandfather, and mentor to countless young people and physicians.

Dr. Smith was reared in Tifton and attended Tift County public schools. He graduated from the University of Georgia where he received his B.S. in zoology and received his M.D. from the Medical College of Georgia in 1978, thereby making him a very proud “Double Dawg.” Upon receiving his M.D., he completed his general surgery residency at Georgia Baptist Hospital of Atlanta, now called Atlanta Medical Center. He and Sissy moved to Albany, GA in 1983, where his sister and brother had established legal and medical practices.

A Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Smith was also a founding charter member and first President of The Georgia Society of General Surgeons (GSGS), an influential group on behalf of patients and the recognition of general surgery by the state of GA as a surgical specialty, thereby allowing general surgery to be done in

surgery centers at great savings, convenience and safety to patients. The GSGS then united with the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and elected Dr. Smith the first President in the fused organization of The Georgia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Smith was a member of The Albany Rotary Club, The Society of the Cincinnati in The State of Georgia, Past-President of the Dougherty County Medical Society, and Director on the Board of the Georgia Medical Society since 2007. Dr. Smith was widely recognized as an innovator in anti-reflux laparoscopic surgery, with many Georgia “medical firsts” in his background. His highly cited articles, published in the New England Journal of Medicine and the Annals of Surgery, built a national profile. Though his loved ones took pride in his academic achievements, Dr. Smith treated these accomplishments lightly, seeing them as distractions from his real work of caring for patients.

A multidimensional man of many interests and passions, he was a diehard Georgia Bulldawg fan, an accomplished golfer, and an expert horticulturist. He proudly showed photographs of his beloved orchids to friends and co-workers, and occasionally gifted a fortunate recipient with a magnificent specimen he grew. Outside of his greenhouse, he was an avid golfer, mountain hiker, dedicated cyclist, and enthusiastic scuba diver.

Dr. Smith and Sissy were active and dedicated members of Covenant Presbyterian Church. A committed Christian, he always sought the Holy Spirit’s guidance to further the glory of God. He was known to take time to pray with his patients and went on two medical mission trips to India. The world seems diminished by the loss of such a loving, dynamic, generous and kind person. Yet Dr. Smith’s life of committed service enriches and inspires all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Dr. William T. Smith and Cecilia Travis Smith, his brother Gordon Burns Smith, his sister Judge Nancy S.

Stephenson, and his in-laws Dr. Carson Bertelle Burgstiner and Helen Sharpe Burgstiner.

Survivors include his loving wife of 45 years, Helen "Sissy" Burgstiner Smith; his children:, Campbell Smith (Heather) of Albany, Georgia and Cecilia Smith of Asheville, North Carolina; and Grand-Daughter Norah Rhodes Smith; his siblings, Dr. Bruce Alexander Smith (Mary Jane) of Lake Oconee, Georgia; Dr. Livingston Travis Smith (Cheryl) of Lutz, Florida, and Dr. Cecilia McKay of Portland, Oregon; and his in-laws, Judge John M. Stephenson of Albany, Georgia and Anna Habersham Smith of Savannah, Georgia; and his loving dog Sugabear. Dr. Christopher Smith loved keeping up with his many numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom he dearly loved.

Visitation will be at Kimbrell-Stern in Albany, GA on Friday, June 4, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 PM. The service will be at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Albany, GA on Saturday June 5, 2021 at 11:00 AM, with internment in Tifton, GA.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity in his memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Covenant Presbyterian Church
2126 W. Edgewater Dr.
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall

WW

“Sissy”, I was truly saddened and sickened to hear of this tragedy in your family. Reading your husband’s obituary it’s very clear that his loss will have far reaching implications for so many. To me this is just further proof of just how unfair Life so often turns out to be, I hope that you can find some solace through the love of your family, friends and faith. My most heartfelt sympathies to you and your family.

William B. Winburn - June 20, 2021 at 02:08 PM

CS

“ (Unfortunately, this hyper thing likely posted something before I was thru crafting it...I will try again)

I was trying to say that Dr. Smith did FOUR operations on me. The biggest winner was the Nissen which finally stanchd the GERD (acid reflux) I had suffered from.

He had a great, irreverent sense of humor. He reminded me a lot of the general surgeon I grew up living with up in Rome...neither suffered fools or was plagued with excessive modesty...but patients loved them. When I last saw him several years ago, he urged me to come back down to Albany (from Columbus) for my next upper and lower G.I. series since their new surgery center would be doing those also. As chance would have it, my new general surgeon up here was a friend of his, Dr. Paul Cartwright...it was he who told me this a.m. about Dr. Smith's passing...there was shared sadness between us. He will be greatly missed...and the world is surely a better place for his having graced it for a time. We also attended Covenant Presbyterian. His cohort Cullen Richardson had done an appendectomy on our teen daughter Kelly-- she is now finishing her Ortho residency at Baylor. My sympathy to his extended family.

craig stiegel - June 17, 2021 at 03:55 PM

DF

“ Chris was 1 year ahead of me at UGA and I always "looked up to him" as a Mentor and Role Model.....He often encouraged me to study hard in order to achieve my goals. As a fraternity brother, he was always supportive and helpful when I asked for his advise. Although we never practiced medicine in the same locale, I kept up with where he was practicing and was able to meet both patients he treated and physicians who were working in either Tifton or Albany. Everyone who spoke to me about Chris as a physician had nothing but great things to elaborate. He will be sorely missed. God Bless his family.

Dr. Douglas Farman - June 12, 2021 at 11:50 AM

DB

“ One of the sweetest physicians I have ever met. My heart is deeply saddene

DB - June 09, 2021 at 09:32 AM

MD

“ Sissy, I'm so very sorry to hear this. Scott and I were out of town and he just forwarded me the email. Please know how very sorry we are. He was always so kind to us. We will be lifting you and your family up in prayers. Sending lots of love and prayers your way.

Michelle Davidson - June 07, 2021 at 10:02 AM

RZ

“ I am so sorry to hear this sad news. My deepest Condolences to the family. I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Smith on the surgical unit 3 West PMC for many years. He also was my personal Surgeon. Dr. Smith will be greatly missed.

Ruby Zackery - June 06, 2021 at 06:15 PM

TG

“ I was praying that this was just a bad dream and someone was going to wake me. There’s not enough words to express my gratitude to you. I’ve been a patient for over 20 years, and from day one you said that you would find out what was wrong and you did just that. Thank you God for allowing Dr.Smith to be my doctor for twenty years. To his family only God knows how you are feeling. My heart goes out to you all. I’ll always be praying for you. Sweet dreams Dr.Smith, I’m going to miss you 😭😭😭

Tasha Green - June 05, 2021 at 08:27 PM

BP

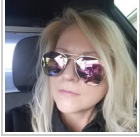
Dr. Smith was a pleasure to work with as a nurse. Always very respectful and wanted the best for his patients. Personally he helped me as a patient and will be forever grateful for the care he gave me. My thoughts and prayers are with his colleagues and family. He will be missed by our SW Georgia community.
Betsy Powell

Betsy Powell - June 07, 2021 at 04:25 PM

PG

“ My husband and I are so very sorry for your loss. Dr. Smith performed the linx procedure on me 18 months ago and I’ve been living pain free and no longer require any medications. We are very grateful for Dr. Smith’s skill, professionalism and kindness throughout my treatment. We are grieving with you. We’ve been praying for you all and will keep you in our prayers as you grieve.

Pat & Billy Guin - June 04, 2021 at 11:55 PM



“ I'm extremely grateful for Dr. Smith being there for me and my mom when we both needed surgery. He had a delightful disposition and a joy everytime I had the chance to be in his presence. I remember having a light hearted conversation with him about us being our mom's favorite. He will be truly missed.



Shirley Cba - June 04, 2021 at 07:04 PM

SO

“ So sorry for your loss.
Sybil Oglesby

Sybil Oglesby - June 04, 2021 at 06:57 PM

JR

“ Dr. Chris will be missed. He helped so many people with the LINX procedure but he was a fine wonderful Christian man. We first knew him in our Sunday School and we are so glad we got to spend time with him and Sissy. We are praying for the family and pray that God will be with them as time goes on. Jan and Jim Rusin Albany, Georgia

Jan and Jim Rusin - June 04, 2021 at 03:57 PM

KS

“ keli m smurda purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.



keli m smurda - June 04, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.



June 04, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ I am a registered nurse who first met Dr Smith many many years ago at Phoebe on the 6th floor.He was always smiling kind and compassionate.This hurts my heart so much.I am praying for his family friends coworkers and patients.As Christians our hope is in the eternal life with JESUS CHRIST.That is what im looking toward and i hope it comforts his family as well.GOD bless you.My most sincere condolences.Penny Mallory

Penny Mallory - June 04, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.



June 04, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ I am a retired nurse from Palmyra Medical Centers. I not only new him from work but was also his patient. I am so sorry & saddened to hear this news. Praying for his family.

Clare Morey - June 03, 2021 at 11:46 PM

RO

“ *Robbie and Rhonda Mcduffie and Abbey Owens purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.*



Robbie and Rhonda Mcduffie and Abbey Owens - June 03, 2021 at 09:11 PM

TD

“ *The news of Chris' death went throughout the nation. To me it brought back strong memories of Chris as an esophageal surgeon. He came to all the esophageal meetings in Hawaii where we gathered together to discuss how we could make improvements in the management of patients. Chris always had a suggestion that went to the core of issues that needed to be improved. He was appreciated and loved by all the yearly attendees. I enjoyed visiting Chris and watched him do some early work on the LINX device. He eventually became the champion of LINX in the eastern US. Carol remembers him as a fun-loving, caring man that we looked forward to seeing annually. We will miss Chris and his wife and pray that God will watch over and care for those he left behind. We will always remember him as a leader, a friend, a communicator and a follower of Christ. We all will miss him.*

Tom and Carol DeMeester

Tom and Carol DeMeester - June 03, 2021 at 08:53 PM

RC

“ *Dear Sissy and Chris’s family
I am so shocked and saddened to here about Chris. I met Chris probably 25 years ago when I met him in Albany with his practice. We have been friends ever since and always caught up at the annual Hawaii Course as you know Sissy. God bless you I will never forget Chris he was an awesome doctor and I can only imagine how he was as a patient advocate. Condolences also on behalf of Medtronic*

R Gary Carruthers - June 03, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.*



June 03, 2021 at 07:34 PM

HB

“ Dear Sissy and Family,
I am an old friend of Chris from Tifton. Though you may not know me personally but possibly by name only, I was a great friend of your Husband and Dad growing up. There was a network of families that were very close back then. My family, the Bowen's and the Smiths enjoyed doing a lot with each other. We went to school together, were in clubs together, and we particularly played golf together. Chris was my 2nd oldest sisters age and he along with many of their friends frequented our house and took trips to a little beach house my Dad and his brother owned in Fernandina. Chris got me to join the fraternity he was in at Georgia for a year but my future wife who also attended Georgia felt it was in my best interest to pay more attention to her. The obituary you wrote about Chris was just how I remembered him. He was exceptionally smart and accomplished but always down played his success. I knew he was a Christian and was not surprised that his emphasis was on the well-being of his patients. I'm so glad that his professional guidance came from the Spirit. He did love the Georgia Bulldogs like any sane person would. He brought much joy, laughter, and smiles not only to my life but to his friends as well and there are many. I know his sudden passing is shocking and painful. It would not be so if we didn't love him so much. The silver lining is what a unique, interesting, and fun guy we got to spend part of our life with. Chris will stay in my mind as a happy, very happy memory. Your friend
Harry Bowen

Harry Bowen - June 03, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.



June 03, 2021 at 05:58 PM

AG

“ Dr. Smith:

Thank you for opening your heart and home to me at a very unpredictable time in my life. Some of my best memories are with you and the family. Will miss you lots. Really do wish I could've introduced you to my wife and two boys. Until then...

Love and prayers,

Asad

Asad Gul - June 03, 2021 at 04:33 PM

DD

“ *D & D Kitchen Center Paul & Joan Dunn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.*



D & D Kitchen Center Paul & Joan Dunn - June 03, 2021 at 03:02 PM

BR

“ This is so hard to accept. I only can share what Dr. Smith meant to me. Even though I saw him a few times a year, he always kept me encouraged. As the tears flow down my face, I can still hear him say how when I come back we would celebrate with fire works for the great accomplishments. Dr. Smith, I will celebrate for you when I hit my goal. I will forever remember the talks, the suggestions, and the encouragement you gave to me. When I got out of line you fussed, and then come back and tell me I could do this. You got me to eating fruits. Sending prayers and condolences to your family. God bless you and rest well, my favorite doctor. One day, I will celebrate with those fireworks.



Brenda Rodgers - June 03, 2021 at 02:40 PM

GC

“ I first met Dr Smith due to a referral to him. I liked him immediately. Although I only knew him my heartfelt condolences go out to his family.

Gene Collins - June 03, 2021 at 02:38 PM

SH

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I will always have fond memories of the years of working with Dr. Smith at Palmyra and Albany Surgical. My prayers for strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit are being spoken right now. May God bless an keep you all this difficult time.

Shirley Harpe

SHIRLEY - June 03, 2021 at 02:09 PM

DK

“ *Dr Smith was an incredible man, doctor, surgeon and I'm sure family man. He cared about his patients and you knew that by his sweet spirit. He blessed so many of us with his God given talents as a doctor and surgeon. You knew you were in good hands and trusted him handle your situation with his expertise, of which he was very humble when given accolades and praise. He gave God all the glory. Praying for peace and comfort for the family in days ahead.*

Donna and Lee Kinard - June 03, 2021 at 09:40 AM

MS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mark M Shoemaker - June 03, 2021 at 07:10 AM

MS

Chris loved India. Helping the enormous number of patients was exactly his cup of tea. What a surgeon! We had great fun on this trip.

Mark M Shoemaker - June 03, 2021 at 07:13 AM

GW

“ *Dr. Smith will truly be missed. Dr. Smith was truly a special person to me and my family. When I was in the hospital for two months, he was there just like family. He prayed with us and encouraged my family that God was going to heal me. That was the type of person he was with all his patients. Sissy I know you are going to miss him, but as he would say, God got you and so do I. Praying for comfort and peace for the family. Gloria and Donnell Williams.*

Gloria Williams - June 03, 2021 at 12:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.*



June 02, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ *We are very sorry to hear about Dr Smith. He was a great man, we loved him dearly. Our prayers are with you all. Beverly Harrell and brothers*

Beverly Harrell - June 02, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ *Dr. Smith was more than my doctor he was my friend. A man of God and strong man. My heart is broken and Albany, GA and this country has lost a loving strong intelligent man of wisdom. I know that God has presented him with a Crown full of His most precious gems. He helped me to focus on my life and I could talk with him about anything.*

Linda M Vance - June 02, 2021 at 06:48 PM

VJ

“ Truly a dedicated man of God has walked into the Pearly Gates of Heaven and will be highly missed. He was like a family member to us and always made us feel like family. In 1983 when he first came out of med school, my son, Tracey Jackson was in a motorcycle accident that left him critical. Dr. Smith told him when he was able, here I am just out of school, new to this and here they come rolling you in here. Well it was no better time because he was fresh and God had the both of them covered. He told me Tracey had a 50/50 chance. 50/50 is better than no chance at all. We will never forget the service Dr. Smith, Dr. Erhardt, Dr. Bruce Smith, Dr. Allen, Dr. Dixon and the other various doctors was to our family. After this Dr. Smith and Dr. Erhardt became our family doctors. God has truly been and are still with us. We pray for the family's strength and guidance from God during this time. Look to the Hills.

Tracey Jackson, mother Vera and family

Vera J Johnson - June 02, 2021 at 05:58 PM

CI

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Smith's passing. He was a caring, loving, and giving person whose candle burned out way before his memory every will. Words cannot comfort your grieving hearts. Please know others share your pain and grief. We pray that God will wrap His arms around the Smith family and give you the peace and comfort you need at this time and the days ahead.

Catherine Ivey - June 02, 2021 at 04:59 PM

SA

“ *South Georgia Physicians Association purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.*



South Georgia Physicians Association - June 02, 2021 at 03:31 PM

JB

“ *Jerry & Ginny Barnes lit a candle in memory of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith*



Jerry & Ginny Barnes - June 02, 2021 at 02:30 PM

JS

“ *My most sincere condolences to the family. May God bring peace and strength to your hearts during this sad time and find comfort in his promise to bring back to life those you love who have fallen asleep in death. I'm sorry to hear about Dr Smith My heartfelt condolences to the Smith family. He had been my doctor since the first of the year and I loved him, his bed side manners, his compassion and kindness was like no other. He will be missed.*

Julia Sims - June 02, 2021 at 02:23 PM

TT

“ *Tracy Classon & Brandi Terry purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.*



Tracy Classon & Brandi Terry - June 02, 2021 at 01:54 PM

JT

“ *Such a loss of a truly fine man. Prayers for Campbell and his family.*

Jeanie Tupper - June 02, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.*



June 02, 2021 at 09:36 AM

JW

“ *We appreciate the care that Dr. Smith provided to our family when we were his patients. We send love and prayers to my co-workers Campbell and Judge Stephenson and all their family and friends.*
~Jawahn Ware

Jawahn Ware - June 02, 2021 at 08:54 AM

HS

“ *I regret the news of Chris's death. I know that the family will have many great memories of him to help overcome your grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time.*
Heard Slade

Heard Slade - June 02, 2021 at 08:48 AM

KR

“ Remember Chris fondly as a great guy, diligent student, and, a super fraternity brother at UGA. Always positive, always smiling and a person I was blessed to know!

Our God never tires, and, is always present with us in every moment. May he be close to all in the Smith family; knowing Chris is present with him now & always.

Keith Rollins AAD'73

Keith Rollins - June 01, 2021 at 10:36 PM

JF

“ Such a loss. A valuable member of many circles. So many fun memories and moments to cherish. Warmest regards, deepest regrets.

J. Dewayne Colquitt, MD, FACS - June 01, 2021 at 10:22 PM

TH

“ My heart is so sad...I love Dr. Smith. I truly believe I am here, because of God ND Dr. Smith. He did my Breast Cancer Surgery in 92. God wrap this family in your arms and comfort their hearts. I love you Dr. Smith...Heaven has gained a very special Earth Angel.



Tommie Sue Hyde - June 01, 2021 at 07:46 PM

LE

“ Sorry to hear about Chris. Last saw him at the Olympics. YITB Chris. Lew Hege, '74.

Lew.Hege - June 01, 2021 at 06:47 PM

GB

“ Chris was one of my three roommates at the then new Sussex Club apartments at UGA. He was a great guy and was always in the library , etc. studying since he was in premed . He was a Chi Psi pledge class frat brother and loved his fraternity and the BullDawgs all his life . We had some wonderful times together in college and he will be dearly missed .

Gary Baldwin - June 01, 2021 at 06:01 PM

GB

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Dr. Smith. He was my surgeon and treated my reflux. The world will not be the same without him in it. But we were so blessed to have had him as a person and to have him as a doctor for as long as we did. He helped so very many people. I was one of them. May our heavenly father comfort his family. Rest well my brother. You have earned it. And thank you sir.

*G. Mack Bentley
Ideal, Georgia*

G. Mack Bentley - June 01, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.



June 01, 2021 at 04:55 PM

DH

“ I was so shocked to hear about Chris. He was not only my surgeon but a good friend and fellow rotarian. He will be missed by all. I pray for God's piece and comfort for his entire family. God Bless you all.



Dennis and Addine Harrell - June 01, 2021 at 04:53 PM

WH

“ Chris was an amazing person, with incredible charisma, inspiring everyone around him. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Prayers for Sissy and the family through this difficult time.

Wendy Howell - June 01, 2021 at 03:43 PM

JB

“ Dr Smith was a wonderful person. He was not only a great surgeon, he was family. He did several surgeries on my wife. He always called her "Baby Girl" because she was the baby girl of the Willis family. He will be greatly missed. John and Brenda Bryant

John Bryant - June 01, 2021 at 03:31 PM

KP

“ Dr. Smith was an excellent doctor; he always took the time to listen to me and was so helpful. Such a kind person - he will be missed.



Kathy Phelps - June 01, 2021 at 03:16 PM

PB

“ Dr Smith was a wonderful doctor and Surgeon. He has done several surgery’s on me and my husband. I always knew I was in good hands. He prayed for us before our surgery always. We are very thankful for what he has done for us over the years. We were in scouts with his son Campbell . We knew him as a friend also.our sincere sympathy to the family.Paula and Ed Basko! 🙏😞

Paula and Ed Basko - June 01, 2021 at 03:00 PM

JW

“ A wonderful Christian man who treated many members of my family. Praying for the family!
Kim & Jill Willingham



Jill Willingham - June 01, 2021 at 02:22 PM

SJ

“ Doc C was so helpful to my wife's problems. Stayed on my case on eating right. The man was a pleasure to be around. He is one person who made an impression on me the first time I met him. He is a great loss to this world. I pray the family can know he was loved and respected by so many. God gained another warrior.

Smitty n Dottie Johnson - June 01, 2021 at 02:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.



June 01, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.*



June 01, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *Buzz Camel Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith*



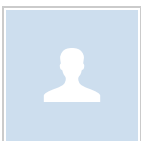
Buzz Camel family - June 01, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ *Dr Smith was a brilliant Doctor, caring compassionate and dedicated to patient care. His love of family, friends and zest for life overflowed! He will be missed by anyone who knew him! What an amazing man. Rest In Peace*



Sandra Klos - June 01, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.*



June 01, 2021 at 11:09 AM

CW

“ Sorry to hear the passing of Dr. Smith. He was the most caring and awesome doctor. He did a couple of surgeries on me. He always had a way to assure you everything was going to be okay. I never worried about anything when I was under his care. A great man for sure. He will be truly missed. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time.
Carolyn Welch

Carolyn Welch - June 01, 2021 at 11:06 AM

MM

“ Dr Smith was a super doctor. He did a surgery on me in October. My last visit was to be in a July. Dr. Chris. You were a great surgeon, listener, and a Christian man. I will never forget the prayer you prayed right before surgery. Many prayers of comfort and strength now for your sweet family.

Marilynn Mims - June 01, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ My condolences to the family. I met Dr. Smith in 1983. I was the Operating Room Secretary. He was so kind to me. Always had a smile on his face. He will be missed.



Holli Sigmon - June 01, 2021 at 09:29 AM

PJ

“ We are truly saddened by the loss of Dr. Chris Smith and our thoughts and prayers go out to his loving family. Rest in peace old friend.

*Morgan Johnston
Proctor Johnston*

Proctor Johnston - June 01, 2021 at 09:09 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.



June 01, 2021 at 08:38 AM

JY

“ Jack Powell You purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith.



Jack Powell You - June 01, 2021 at 08:36 AM

SH

“ I met Dr. Smith in 1983 and we have had so many conversations about my health ... he was more than a doctor he was my friend my angel.... what will I do...?.. I had gastric bypass 1985 and Dr. Smith reversed it in 1989... he operated on me for several other things ... just a few weeks ago he told me there wasn't any thing left to be done for my esphogus that we needed to pray more about it... I will love you forever... Ruby Turner

sheila - June 01, 2021 at 07:47 AM

DC

“ I am blessed to have had him as my Doctor he always perked up my day and made me feel special and helped me climb my hill! He will be missed heaven's gain!



Diane and Cliff Church - June 01, 2021 at 06:49 AM

AM

“ So sorry to hear he wad a fantastic doctor, prayers for the family.

Anita mullis - June 01, 2021 at 12:14 AM

JM

“ I met Dr. Smith working at the Hospital in surgical care and DDC. We got to know each other and had alot of good conversation and we talked about our grandchildren and flowers. He showed me pictures of his grandchildren and all his different flowers he grew. He was a true friend to me and a GREAT doctor. He will truly be missed in this community. To his wife Sissy and the rest of the family I pray God will give you all peace and comfort knowing that Dr. Smith is in the present of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. I pray that God blesses all of you. Rest in peace my friend. 🙏🙏

John Moore - May 31, 2021 at 10:49 PM

LP

I was his patient a few times.Enjoyed talking with him.

Lamar Potts - June 01, 2021 at 10:00 AM

MD

“ Sissy and family, I was very saddened to hear of Chris’s death. He was a fantastic surgeon with a caring manner. I feel very blest to have had a personal relationship with Chris for many years. My prayers and thoughts are with each of you during this difficult time. My wish for you is that God will bless you and give you peace. Mark Davis

mark Davis - May 31, 2021 at 10:48 PM

DM

“ Chris & I graduated from high school together. He breezed through algebra, chemistry, physics; obviously a highly intelligent earthling! Such a kind, generous soul. The last time I saw Chris was at the airport in Albany on the infamous frightening Republic Airlines flight to and from Atlanta & Albany on a rainy night. We discussed arthritis at one point and I'll never forget him telling me that giving up sugar would greatly improve arthritis. I figured he was right as at his age to be practicing as a surgeon he was definitely spared . I never was quite able to heed his advice but I'm still working on it. His talent, gentle nature, and kindness are such a rare como anymore! We lost a great one! Heaven bound my friend. I'm sure there is one heck of a golf course there!

Deborah Milam, PA-C

Deborah Milam - May 31, 2021 at 08:44 PM

JO

“ I was so sorry to hear about Dr. Smith's death. Prayers for Sissy, the children and family.

June, Lee and Julie Odom

June Odom - May 31, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ Chris, Sissy, and I would play golf on the weekends. I have many fond memories of him, too many to write. But the one that is above all others is when he would pick up my ball marker from the green. The ball marker I have is a coin I received from my Army unit for my Purple Heart. He would always hand it back to me and say, “Thank you for what you did.” That meant a lot to me and always will.



Brent Garrett - May 31, 2021 at 08:34 PM

JB

Our hearts are broken for such a loss. Chris was such a great Doctor, and friend and we will miss him greatly. Sissy, our love and prayers go out to you and your family. May his memory always be a blessing. We love you. Janie & Bruce

Janie & Bruce Bitterman - June 01, 2021 at 08:16 AM

CD

“ I met Dr. Chris Smith when I was 32 he was so wonderful to me I was having so many health problems but he was with me every step of the way. I am so sorry to hear of his passing my condolences to his family. One of the best doctors I have ever known.

Christa Divine - May 31, 2021 at 07:51 PM

SH

“ I first met Chris in the late 80’s for a biopsy I needed. He and I sort of bonded and he has performed a few surgeries I needed through the years. The last was just a few months ago and he told the attending nurses, “susie and I have a long history!” Yes, we did, he always took such good care of my needs and we had some great conversations! He was a great surgeon and friend. I will surely miss him.



Susie Hardin - May 31, 2021 at 07:15 PM

LC

“ Chris was the first of my fraternity brothers I met, "Big Brother" always the gentleman and scholar, so many memories made with he and Sissy!

Lee Cook - May 31, 2021 at 07:12 PM

KS

“ I met Dr Smith prior to my hyatal hernia surgery. Dr Smith was an excellent doctor and handled my problem. More important he treated me with caring and kindness. I thank God for his life



Karen Smith - May 31, 2021 at 07:05 PM

LP

“ Lamar Potts sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Christopher (Chris) Campbell Smith



Lamar Potts - May 31, 2021 at 06:55 PM