



Mr. Paul Smith Obituary

August 15, 1943 - June 28, 2013

Mr. Paul Smith, 69, of Albany, GA, died Friday, June 28, 2013 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

His funeral service will be at 2 PM, Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at Kimbrell-Stern with interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery. Student Rabbi Kelly Levy will officiate.

Paul was born in Charlottesville, VA, and had lived in Albany since the late 1960s. He attended the University of Virginia and had worked in the aviation industry. Paul worked at Ayers Corporation, and then had worked many years at the Fixed Base Operator at the Albany Airport as an avionic technician, retiring in 2011. He was a member of Temple B'Nai Israel where he sang in the choir for many years. Paul was a member and served as an officer for the Albany Chorale and the Albany Concert Association. He served as a Board Member of the Albany Symphony, and he performed in productions at Theatre Albany.

Paul could fix anything and could solve a wide variety of problems - avionic, electronic, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, automotive - and was a champion at solving crossword puzzles, sudoku, and the Celebrity Ciphers, and was his stepdaughter's only "phone-a-friend!" A favorite gift he received was a cap saying, "If I can't fix it, it ain't broke!" He loved watching Jeopardy and knew

most of the responses. He loved watching sports - college and professional football and basketball, his granddaughter's soccer and basketball games (was an expert with the vuvuzela), and especially the Atlanta Braves. He loved ballroom dancing and the music of the Rhythm Masters.

He loved and supported the live arts - opera, musicals, theatre, as well as visual arts. He loved his family, his children and grandchildren, his Temple families (Albany and Bainbridge), his dogs, especially his Mom's little Toby whom we adopted. He loved riding in his little red convertible and enjoyed our weekly visits to Pearly's for breakfast. He liked to travel and enjoyed Europe, especially the cities of Prague and Budapest, cruises, and his regular trips to Destin (even the condo-maintenance trips!), and Ruggles Beach.

He enjoyed tracking and observing the International Space Station and inspired others to do the same. He loved searching for and watching interesting astronomical events, even when Hale-Bopp watching in the back alley attracted the attention of numerous police cars (the officers were anxious to look in the telescope once they found that we were just innocent star gazers, not suspicious characters!).

He loved holidays with family, Seders with the Feldmans, canoeing, NPR (especially Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion and the Car Talk guys and the weekly puzzle challenges by NPR Puzzlemaster Will Shortz), blowing the Shofar at Temple, and helping his "airplane friends," which gave rise to the phrase, "what would Paul do?"

He loved volunteering and did so regularly at the Temple, Albany Chorale, Albany Symphony, Albany Concert Association, and performing at Theatre Albany (but only singing parts, and playing characters with only a few lines to say!) He tolerated playing bocci ball at the lake, playing board games, and our family's curry dinners. He loved photography and preferred to take photos of

the family playing bocci ball at the lake!

Paul is survived by his wife: Beverly Smith, Albany; his children: Rachael Bjorklund (Kevin), Panama City, FL, Angela Parker (Jeff), Huntsville, NC, Comer Smith (Rachel), Auburn, AL; step-children: Eric Soos, Albany, Dawn Soos-Ghiathi (Dr. A. S.), Shellman, GA; his sister: Martie Smith, Monroe, NC; grandchildren: Jessica Brown, Seth Brown, Emily Parker, Amber Sheppard, Christopher Smith, Bethany Smith, Comer Smith, Hana Ghiathi; his sister-in-law: Peg Bobel (Rob), Akron, OH.

The family will receive at Kimbrell-Stern on Monday, July 1, 2013 from 6-7:30 PM.

Those desiring may send memorials to Temple B'Nai Israel, P.O. Box 71425, Albany, GA 31708, or to the Albany Chorale, P.O. Box 70942, Albany, GA 31708, or the Albany Symphony, P.O. Box 70065, Albany, GA 31708-0065.

You may sign the online guestbook and share your memories with the family of Paul Smith by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at www.kimbrellstern.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Paul Smith Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Paul Smith Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Beverly and family... I just learned of Paul's passing. I am so very sorry for your loss. Please accept my thoughts, prayers, and condolences. Beverly, I always loved running into you when I went to hear the Albany Symphony. Lots of love sent your way.*

Donna Cline Lambert - July 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will miss Paul. He was such a kind and peaceful man who did so much to help people. My sympathy and prayers go out to Beverly and all of his family.*

Debbie Syfrett - July 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bev, As some of your extended family of friends from northeast Ohio, we send our sorrow for your loss. We send our love to you and your family. Elaine and Harold*

Harold & Elaine Marsh - Akron, OH - friend - July 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ I didn't know Mr. Paul but I always admired the love and support Beverly gave to Eric & Dawn while they were at Westover High School. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

Gary G. Dorough, Ed.D. - Albany, GA - friend of Paul's step children - July 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Beverly - We are so sad to hear about Mr. Paul. We always enjoyed his visits at the bank and letting him "look at" his money. It only took being around him for a few minutes to see how much he adored you. It was evident to all that he was married to his very best friend. We will sure miss his quick wit.
Mandy Waters and Flint Community Bank

Mandy Waters - Albany, GA - Friend - July 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Beverly,
I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. You and Paul are family at Temple BethEl and with your beautiful music and Paul's reading of the prayers kept our small congregation together. The two of you have added such warmth to our services. I treasure your friendship and wish for you to find strength in the wonderful memories.
Love,
Deedi

Deedi Eubanks - Bainbridge, GA - friend - July 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I work for Thrush aircraft, started work at Ayres Corp. in 1989. I new Paul real well, He was a good person and helped me on several occasions when I needed help solving problems with avionics. He will be greatly missed, my heart goes out to his family.

Richard Paul - Edison, GA - friend - July 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I remember Beverly well. I am so sorry to hear about Paul.

Beth Wade - McDonough, GA - friend - July 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I was so sorry to hear about Paul's passing. I have many fond memories of both of you when you were at Darton and at which time you both studied and took piano lessons from me. I also remember with grateful appreciation all of the many contributions you both made to the cultural and musical life of Albany.

May God bless you and give you peace and comfort in the days that lie ahead.

Your friend - Richard

Richard S. Miller - July 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

IF

“ Beverly- Paul and you are part of the wonderful memories of Albany-our trips to Bainbridge,the beautiful music you both made that enhanced the services at Temple-the privilege of knowing you both-guidelines of what every human being ought to be-an exquisite example of team work for the betterment of society-a blessing to mankind. I know Paul and Rabbi will be having wonderful conversations-they both loved and respected each other. May you go from strength to strength-irene

Irene Palnick - Delray Beach, FL - friend - July 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Beverly and family,
My heart is broken, even though I know Paul no longer suffers. I will miss him forever. His knowledge of everything was incredible, thus my nickname of "Rabbi" for him. I have many memories...rides to Bainbridge...your wedding... his colorful ties...reinforcements on our music pages...singing together for High Holy days....I could go on for nearly forever. Even though I cannot be there for his service, please know that I will be there in spirit, as I have been through this entire ordeal. May God grant you Shalom, Bev.
With all my love,
Shirley

Shirley Wirth - Rochester, NY - friend - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ All our love to you Beverly and family...we've lost another good friend from our days in Albany ga....we feel privileged to have known Paul and to have been in his company so many times...he was one of the really decent human beings on this earth and now up in heaven.I only wish I could have helped him get through his illness.We love you....Rob and Sheri.xp

Rob and Sheri Feldman - Atlanta, GA - Friends - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Beverly and family, My heart aches for you. Mr. Paul is in better place and no longer suffers. I will forever remember seeing you (Beverly) and Mr. Paul driving down the street in that cute little red car off on another adventure. I will miss seeing him across the street and asking him for help or asking for his advice on a project I was doing. I do agree he could fix many things. May you feel the love of family and friends as we wrap our arms around you.

Love,
Jill LaVassaur

Jill - Albany, GA - friend/neighbor - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Beverly & Family,
Barb and I were saddened by the news about Paul's passing. We would ask Peg & Rob each time we saw them, how is Paul doing? We have enjoyed his company on their Ruggles Beach vacations and would look forward to the following year. We want you to know that we are thinking of you and send our thoughts and prayers to you. It is a difficult time but you are surrounded by friends and family and this sad time shall pass and wonderful memories will fill your heart.

Kim & Barb, Ruggles Beach friends

Kim Yanke & Barb Wismar - Huron, OH - Friend - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Beverly-- Suzanne, Lindsay, Ginny and I were saddened by the loss of Paul. He always had a smile on his face, a positive outlook, and a willingness to help. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Henry Stern - Sharpsburg, GA - Friend - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Beverly,

I add this to make you smile...for so long Paul was nameless to me. He was just "Him". He would call the office and ask to speak to you..and if I tried to get a name...well, it was just "Him". What a wonderful game we played, and for quite some time...knowing him as just "Him". And then, I vividly remember you tell me about your engagement and soon to be wedding - boy was I so super excited. So excited that we had your reception at our house. ...and that lady came...what was her name...Ruth or something? She stayed until the end, and helped us bag up the leftovers, which she took with her. A fun night for sure!. A Braves game, an office party here..or there....I'm so glad Dickie and I got to share those times with you all. Paul probably picked up my mail, and fed Belle ...then Cupid, while patiently waiting for you to get off work,,,,,on days I was on vacation. He's screened a many a phone call, answering, but always letting me talk to you, when I needed help with a claim. Oh such wonderful memories!!

Lydia Livingston - Albany, GA - friend - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *It is hard to imagine Albany without Paul. Beverly, just today someone said to me "I see them everywhere!" Paul was brilliant, but so humble. You never entered a room where he was without receiving a cheerful greeting, and offers to help with whatever you needed. I will never forget our Temple choir rehearsals for music we had sung a hundred times and Paul saying, with that smile, "pretty good for sight reading, huh?" Paul was truly special, and we will hold him in our hearts forever.*

Diana and Len Craft - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Paul was a wonderful blessing to all who came to know him. A treasured member of our Temple, he will long be remembered for his warm and giving nature. We were blessed to know him and will always remember his willingness "to do". Our love to Beverly and his family. Paul will be missed. Our Temple family will never quite be the same.

Kathy & David Prisant - Albany, GA - friend - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We miss Paul. His spirit will always be in the big hangar at Peterson Field.

Tom & Martine - Plains, GA - Friend - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Beverly & Family,
Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Paul was a very special person who will be missed by many. May you find comfort in the love that surrounds you at this time.
With Love,
Diane & Louie

Diane & Louie Lamb, Jr. - Dawson, GA - Friend - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Paul was one of the brightest and nicest people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. I have spent wonderful hours talking with him about aviation, music, and religion. I will miss him.
My deepest sympathy to his family,
Bill Lowery, Jr.

Bill Lowery, Jr. - Albany, GA - Friend - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Smith's passing. My prayers go out to all of the family. He was always such a nice person. I'm sure he will be missed by many.

Jeffrey Rosenfeld - leesburg, GA - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. I enjoyed serving on the chorale board with him. Beverly, you and your family are in our prayers.

Donna Kerr - Thomson, GA - Friend - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM