



Cyrus Porter Smith

December 11, 1938 - June 30, 2016

Cyrus Porter Smith of Oxford, MD, died peacefully surrounded by his family on June 30, 2016, at Bayleigh Chase, Easton, MD.

Born on December 11, 1938, in Orange, NJ, he was the third son of the late Russell Yerby Smith and Judith Talcott Smith. He was a 1956 graduate of The Pingry School in New Jersey and graduated from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, in 1960, with a degree in Fine Arts. Shortly after graduation, Cy married his college sweetheart, Deborah Steuart Myers.

As an ROTC graduate of the college, Cy served his country from 1961 to 1964 as an EOD officer in the US Army at Ft. Polk, LA. In 1964, he returned to civilian life, moving back to NJ with his wife and two children, Katharine and Christopher.

He was employed by Travelers Insurance in Newark, NJ, and then by Frank H. Taylor Insurance Agency of East Orange, NJ. During this time his third child, Eugene, was born. The family moved from Morristown, NJ, to Morris Township, NJ, in 1966, and Cy and Debbie remained in that area until his retirement in 2001 when they moved to Oxford.

In 1971, Cy decided to incorporate his design expertise with his successful sales experience and was employed by New Associated Services of

Plainfield, NJ. In 1975, he accepted a position as an Account Executive with Impact Exhibits of Dayton, NJ, specializing in custom design trade show exhibits. He retired in August 2001 after 26 years with Impact to pursue his love of salt water fishing and boating on a daily basis from their second home in Oxford. In 2005, they moved into a home on Boone Creek that he lovingly designed for their retirement years.

Cy's love of people and his varied hobbies and interests allowed him to become involved in many organizations. He was an avid fisherman and power boater, historian of antique firearms, expert marksman, conservationist, and all around handyman for those needing help with a special project. He loved woodworking and completed many pieces of furniture for his family and friends.

Cy served as president of the Mid-Shore chapter of CCA for several years, was a volunteer at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, Habitat for Humanity, Creekwatchers, his parish church, and the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. He served as a board member of the Borden Mining Company, the Brigade of the American Revolution, the U.S. International Muzzleloading Team, the NJ Arms Collectors Association and the Oxford Community Center. He was captain of the US Muzzleloading team for the 1983 international shoot in Versailles, France. Locally he enjoyed membership at the Talbot Rod and Gun Club for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Deborah Myers Smith of Oxford; his children, Katharine Steuart Smith, Natale (Carmen Joseph) of Tewksbury Twp., NJ, Christopher Weber Smith of Oxford, MD, and Eugene Sterling Smith (Kathryn Kline) of Warren, NJ; three grandchildren, Nicole Elizabeth Smith, Collin Merritt Smith, and Andrew Russell Natale; an older brother, Russell Yerby Smith (Joan Vaile) of Phippsburg ME; and a sister-in-law, Barbara Childs Smith of Morristown, NJ, and Hague, NY; in addition to several nieces

and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, William Chandler Smith.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford, MD, on Saturday, July 16, 2016, at 12 pm. Inurnment of his ashes will be at a later date in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Williamsburg, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, 1850 York Road, Suite D, Timonium, MD 21093; NephCure Kidney International, 150 S. Warner Rd., Suite 402, King of Prussia, PA 19406; or Habitat for Humanity Choptank, 29350 Maple Ave., Trappe, MD 21673.

Previous Events

celebration of life

JUL **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Holy Trinity
Oxford, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Cyrus Porter Smith*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Cyrus Porter Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Cyrus Porter Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Cy was one of those unique individuals that I have met while engaging in the sport of muzzle loading competition shooting. He was both a shooter and a builder. I watched him build a lock using his Bridgeport milling machine. His attention to detail was always shown in the finished product no matter if it were a flint, cap and ball or match lock rifle Cy had it done to perfection. I won a medal in international competition with Cy's copy of a cap and ball rifle, Cy built. His warm friendly personally complimented his competency. It was an absolute pleasure to have known, he will be missed by more than just immediate family. One of the true measures of ones life can be measured by the sense of loss by others beyond close family.*

I did not ever forget Cy and most likely will never forget a guy like Cyrus Smith

Marvin W. Bailey Jr.

Marvin W. Bailey Jr. - July 10, 2016 at 12:54 PM

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“ Cy was a classmate and fraternity brother of mine at college. Always enjoyed his company especially the time I was with him in the wee hours of the morning in the Wren yard at W&M when he shot off the canon.

John Pforr

John Pforr - July 09, 2016 at 02:45 PM

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“ We were blessed by your friendship in Oxford, and by you and Debbie being such loving neighbors to my parents in Jacks Point. We are thankful for your being part of our life, and treasure our times together. Peace Be With You.

Steve and Pat Wheaton

Pat and Steve Wheaton - July 02, 2016 at 09:34 AM

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*My deepest Sympathies and many many fond memories....
Adam Howard, Morgan's Rifle Company*

Adam Howard - July 14, 2016 at 03:41 PM