



William Alexander Smith III

December 1, 1943 - April 27, 2013

William A. Smith, III, 69, architect, artist, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully at home on the morning of April 27 after an eight month battle with cancer. He was surrounded by love and faith, and held tightly by his family.

Born in Pittsburgh on December 1, 1943, Bill earned his BA in Architecture from Carnegie Mellon University. After college, he joined the United States Navy and attended Officer Candidate School. It was during this time, on a weekend visit from Virginia Beach, that he discovered Annapolis.

Bill moved to Annapolis in 1970, and it quickly became his perfect home. He found immense beauty in the bay and it influenced every aspect of his life—personally, professionally, and artistically. He loved the water, particularly the ocean, and would be renewed with every breath of salt air. He swam regardless of the weather, and won every sandcastle contest he ever entered.

He was an artist. Creative to his core, Bill spent his life developing his art. Whether it was at his drafting table, or designing sets for his treasured Children's Theatre of Annapolis, or painting quietly along the shores of the Chesapeake, Bill's curiosity and creativity never ebbed. In 2003, the Cultural Arts Foundation of Anne Arundel County presented him with the Annie Award for his dedication and patronage. Anyone who has seen a youth theater

production in Annapolis in the past 25 years has witnessed his devotion live, on-stage in the sets.

He had a passion for life, found joy in the ridiculous, and approached everyone he met and everything he did with a kind, honest, and loving heart.

He raised six great kids, who are raising 13 amazing grandchildren. His legacy is strong and full of love.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen; his children, Jennifer and Ken Harris, Holly and Jim Mirenda, Tara and Brad Segree, Bridget and Andy Claxton, Katy and Ed Stratchko, and Bill Smith, IV; his grandchildren, who loved him thoroughly, Reilly, Drew, Noe, Teddy, Clare, Malia, Sofia, Tucker, Allana, Liam, Brittany, Gigi, and Miele; his brothers, Jim, Chris, and Pete; and his sister, Pam Sellers.

Bill was pre-deceased by his parents, William and Sally Smith, Jr., of Pittsburgh.

Services will be held at St. Andrew by the Bay Catholic Church (College Parkway) on Wednesday, May 1, at 11 a.m. A celebration of Bill's life will follow at the Children's Theatre of Annapolis (1161 Bay Head Road).

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bill's memory may be sent to CTA (childrenstheatreofannapolis.com).

Previous Events

Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew by the Bay Catholic Church
701 College Parkway
Annapolis, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *William Alexander Smith III*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Alexander Smith III*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William Alexander Smith III*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Bill Smith. It is a shock. We worked at the same firm for many years and became good friends. I remember going to a painting party for the house in Annapolis. I painted ceilings and got more paint on myself. I told lots of people about the sliding board to get from the bedrooms to the first floor. The last time I talked to Bill, he said he had sold that house and the kids that used that slide were college age. I'll miss you Bill.*

--Bill Reeves

Bill Reeves - May 17, 2013 at 03:23 PM

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I remember one of my favorite Bill Smith stories. We were all at a party for Mary who was retiring from WMC. The gathering was held beside the pool at a local hotel. While we were all chatting and smiling for Mary, Bill dove into the pool, fully dressed. He came out of the pool dripping wet, including his shoes and wallet. When asked why he jumped into the pool, he said he did it for Mary. He wanted to do something for her that she would never forget. I haven't forgotten.

Bill Reeves - May 17, 2013 at 04:36 PM

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“*Kathy, I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was a good man and I know how much you and your family will miss him. The world is a sadder place today. Sending you healing thoughts and prayers in this difficult time.*

Eileen Sullivan

Eileen Sullivan - April 30, 2013 at 03:54 PM

AB

“*Bill was my client and dear friend for 22 years. I have never met anyone as kind as he was. I will surely miss his big smile, and our time together. Most importantly I will always remember the support he gave me and my family at a very difficult time. He took the time in his busy schedule to drive 1 1/2 hrs from Annapolis, to come and see me, and give me his advice, and walk me thru a very difficult experience at the time. God bless you Bill.*

to Kathy, Billy and all the Smith's family, our deepest sympathy and condolences.

Abdi, Yeganeh, Joseph and Hasti Hejazi.

Abdi - April 30, 2013 at 02:16 PM

SW

“ *Bill I will miss talking and working with you, my prays are with you and your family, God Bless you. I will keep you in and your family in my prays. We lost a good man today*

God Bless - Steve Watkins

Steve Watkins - April 30, 2013 at 07:46 AM

DO

“ *My deepest condolences to the family for your loss, just a little while longer, all suffering and death will be no more, we will soon reap the many blessings of our savior Jesus Christ sacrificial death - Revelation 21:3, 4; John 3:16.*

Doris - April 29, 2013 at 08:11 PM

AM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. As an active member of Grasonville Senior Center, he will be greatly missed.*



Ann Martin - April 29, 2013 at 09:19 AM