



Dr. Charles Nathan Smith

October 13, 1934 - February 24, 2019

Dr. Charles Nathan Smith, 84, of Memphis, Tn passed away at his home on Sunday, February, 24. Dr. Smith (Pop, Dad, daddy, Smitty, Doc, Onion Head, "Chah-ley!") was born October 13, 1934 the only child of Lester and Margaret Smith in Gallatin, Tn. He graduated from Gallatin High School in 1952 and Middle Tennessee State University in 1957, where he played football and baseball. He was a starting member of the first football team from MTSU to make a post season bowl game and a proud Blue Raider for life. After marrying Eleanor Winn Smith, he taught and coached basketball at his high school alma mater before moving to Memphis to attend Pharmacy School at University of Tn - Memphis. Upon graduation from Pharmacy School in 1961, he continued teaching at UT of Memphis and working for and with Dr. Paul Wiles eventually becoming the very proud owner and working for the next 50 years proudly taking care of those he called his family and friends until his retirement January 2, 2015. He was proud to serve and provide care to generations of Central Gardens and midtown families and he wanted all to know he loved and missed you all upon closing the doors to his beloved store. Dr. Smith played many sports throughout his life and shared that affinity with his children and grandchildren. He was an avid and accomplished golfer and enjoyed his golf trips to the Destin area with an extensive and "elite" group of buddies and often proudly displayed tournament trophies in Wiles-Smith. His love for sports and in particular basketball paved way for a 20+ year stint as a high school and college basketball referee. Professionally, he was past president of the TPA (Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association) and active in UT-Memphis alumni and Kappa Psi Fraternity organizations. Socially, he was a proud member of the BOP club as well as past board member and elected royalty of the Grand Krewe of ENNEAD supporting Carnival Memphis. His charitable and philanthropic activities were numerous and diverse including local homeless veteran charitable organizations, St. Jude, American Cancer Society and Le Bonheur Children's hospital. Dr. Smith joyously has been reunited in heaven with his oldest child, Charles Craig Smith as well as his parents and many friends he has missed dearly.

He leaves behind Cherri Smith Mullins of the Woodlands, Tx, Christopher Lee Smith of Memphis, and Carey Smith Bragg of Collierville. He also leaves behind his loving

grandchildren: Matt Mullins of Houston, Allie Mullins of the Woodlands, Tx, Krista Mullins Harris of San Antonio, Sandy Smith of Palo Alto, Ca, Spencer Smith of Memphis, Sydney and Cooper Bragg of Collierville and Ryan Smith of Bartlett, Tn. He also leaves behind his beloved great grandson Aiden Smith of Bartlett, Tn. The family would also like to lovingly thank Ms. Carrie Williams for her compassionate, dependable, and heartfelt care of our father over the last years.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 28 from 5-7pm followed by a memorial service at 10 am Friday, March 1, both to be held at Canale Funeral Directors. A family internment will be held in his hometown of Gallatin, Tn where he will be laid to rest next to his parents.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude Hospital.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Canale Funeral Directors

2700 Union Avenue Extended, Memphis, TN, US, 38112

MAR **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ The profession of pharmacy has lost a good one. I knew Mr. Charlie from my days as a pharmacy student while working at the Ike's in Midtown. I was also his son Chris' fraternity little brother and have been to the house many times. He always treated me well, and I thought the world of the whole family. Here's to hoping you can gain some solace in knowing that he was truly loved by everyone he was involved with. Prayers to all of the Smith family from Steve Hadley and family!

Stephen Hadley - March 02, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ Charlie was a friend to all; a great mentor, teacher, and faithful servant to his profession of pharmacy. He will be missed.

Dianne V. Duncan - February 28, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ Great man, he opened the gym, he opened up his heart. RIP - Charlie, enjoyed you and your fellowship.

Michael Smith - February 28, 2019 at 09:21 PM



“ Heartfelt condolences to the family & friends of Dr. Smith. He was a truly a gentleman - he befriended me and my son many years ago, in sports at Idlewild. He will always be remembered.

Gil Noble - February 28, 2019 at 07:50 PM



“ Jane, Amy & John, David, Paul & Kellie purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Charles Nathan Smith.



Jane, Amy & John, David, Paul & Kellie - February 28, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ This is Doug Duncan, Duncan's Pharmacy, Dyer, TN, class of 1968. We had Charlie in dispensing lab and he was a TERRIFIC role model/hero to many in our class, none more than me. Aspiring to be an independent store owner, I visited Charlie in his store several times, he always had time to talk with students and was such an encourager to us all! Our prayers are with the family, he had a huge impact on many of our lives. God bless you during this time.

Doug Duncan - February 28, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Nathan Smith.



February 28, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Nathan Smith.



February 28, 2019 at 11:54 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Nathan Smith.



February 27, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ Cherri, Carey, Chris, Ryan and all your families: Please know my thoughts and prayers are with each of you during these difficult days. Charley was a kind and thoughtful gentleman and I am glad to have counted him as a friend. I know you will miss him greatly Carole Winn

Carole Winn - February 26, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ My first job was there soda jerk ..dollar an hr. 1968 ... Its been yrs since i hav seen charlie and often wonder about him that strip there on union is slowly going ...

Kevin fox - February 26, 2019 at 08:45 PM



“ Cherri, Carey, Chris and Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time. Like so many, I loved Charlie from the bottom of my heart. Charlie's genuine kindness and compassion made the world a better place and he will be missed by many. Myra Pierotti

Myra - February 26, 2019 at 08:58 PM



“ So sorry, your dad will be so missed by all. RIP

janie scaife - February 26, 2019 at 11:21 PM



“ It was my privilege to have been one of Charlie students when he served on the faculty at UT College of Pharmacy. And as his brother in Kappa Psi I admired his professionalism, his commitment to pharmacy and his integrity. He was a gentleman and he mentored the class to be the best that they could be. These became everlasting standards by which I conducted my career and I am so grateful to Charlie. Later in life I would visit him at the drug store. I'd bring my grand-daughter in for lunch and occasionally I'd visit him in the prescription department. He was admired by his professional colleagues throughout the Tennessee. Moreover, he continued to operate an independent community pharmacy, Smith-Wiles, an institution in Midtown Memphis on Union Avenue. He stood strong for small independent business and professional pharmacy practice. I extend my condolences to the family in this time of despair.

Kenneth B. Roberts UT Class of 1967

Kenneth B. Roberts - February 28, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all the Family in the loss of Charlie. The CLASS OF GALLATIN HIGH SCHOOL of 1952 will greatly miss him. He was a fun, kind classmate and we are so sad to hear that he has expired. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May the Lord give you much strength and courage during this time. Love and Prayers

Ruth Wolfe Wright GHS Class of 1952

Ruth Wright - March 02, 2019 at 11:03 PM