



Warren Coleman Smith

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Warren Coleman Smith, 86, resident of Lewes, DE, passed away on Monday, June 25, 2012 at his residence with his loving family by his side, including Teddy Redwood, his beloved Springer. Warren was born in Manila, Philippines to the late Virginia Creary Smith and Colonel Edwin Kennedy Smith.

The family was stationed in Panama, Georgia and New Hampshire. Warren attended Phillips Exeter Academy and graduated in business from Harvard. His first employers were Proctor and Gamble and Federated Stores in Cincinnati where he met and married Marry Lee Fulghum on April 7, 1951. He then entered the life insurance business in San Antonio before moving to Baltimore where he lived until retiring to Lewes, DE in 1992. Warren's greatest joy was in developing an idea and creating a business. Warren was a creative business man drilling oil and gas wells, developing a hotel / conference center in Shanghai, China, building Greenspring and Forty West Racquet Clubs, redeveloping an historic church and a firehouse in Baltimore, and he donated his time and expertise to build the parish hall for his beloved St. Peter's Church in Lewes. Warren had many creative interests from beekeeping to winemaking, winning a Five-State award for his wine. He was hands down the greatest story and joke teller and devoted baseball fan - he loved Dem O's! His deep love of his country was very important to Warren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Mary Lee Smith of Lewes, DE; his son Warren C. Smith, Jr. of Ft. Pierce, FL; his daughter Cissy Smith Marks, son-in-law Paul J. Marks, and granddaughter Lauren, all of Baltimore; grandson Warren C. Smith III, US Army stationed in Hawaii; last but not least his dear friend Teddy Redwood. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his youngest son, Stephen P. Smith in 2008.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 14, 11:00 AM, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Second and Market Streets, Lewes. Interment will be at St. Peter's Cemetery, Pilottown Road, Lewes, DE. A reception will follow in the parish hall.



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In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, c/o Outreach, PO Box 464, Lewes, DE 19958.

Please sign Mr. Smith's online guestbook at this site.

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CM

Crorkz Matz posted:

zi2Fne Really appreciate you sharing this article post.Thanks Again. Keep writing.

August 4 at 8:00 PM

CB

Cheap Backlinks posted:

QS5Pyu I value the article post.Really looking forward to read more. Awesome.

July 18 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Warren Coleman Smith.

August 23 at 8:00 PM

AM

Ann And Bill Mangels posted:

We were sorry to learn of Warren's death. We have fond memories of him and Mary Lee at Good Shepherd. He served Good Shepherd well as Junior Warden

August 23 at 8:00 PM

GT

Gil And Jackie Thomas posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

July 3 at 8:00 PM

PM

Paul J. Marks posted:

You were a powerful presence in my life and I will miss you greatly. Your sense of humor and positive attitude will always be with me.

July 2 at 8:00 PM



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LP

Lois & Bill Peterson posted:

One of the greatest pleasures of our short time of living in Lewes has been to know Warren. Truly the epitome of a Christian in every thing he did and said

July 1 at 8:00 PM

JR

Joe Rock posted:

Peace, Words can not express all we would like at a time like this. However, with our faith in Jesus we KNOW life is not ended for Warren, it is changed, and what a wonderful change it is for him. No more suffering. We know we will be with him down the road. Prayers are being sent his way and will be offered for all you his family that the peace of Christ will be with you at

June 29 at 8:00 PM

SB

Siobhan Bryne posted:

With heartfelt sympathy

June 27 at 8:00 PM

JA

John Abosch posted:

Dear Mary Lee, Cissy and Warren! remember your dad fondly. He was one in a million. He was a hard worker, honest and very focused. He was always on a mission to be innovative and to do the right thing. Warren was never afraid of challenges. The greater the challenge, the happier he was. I often ride by Hollins Ave to see another friend and i always think fondly of Warren. He was a great guy.He was a pioneer with the PC.He will be in my fond memories for many years.

June 27 at 8:00 PM



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CW

Chas Winchester posted:

What I remember most about Warren as we were growing up was how hard he worked. There were always new business initiatives underway and or household projects that demonstrated his vision and willingness to take calculated risks. He fascinated me and he was the perfect business role model. I loved his stories about interviewing with Procter & Gamble, going to China with Paul and whatever his latest adventure was. It was always fun to watch the banter between Warren and my dad. Their Gin Rummy games were more like Harvard Vs Cornell. Their games were never played quietly and each hand evoked constant banter and ribbing. Warren's laugh was infectious and whenever they got together you heard it often. As a lazy kid who tried to avoid work whenever possible I still remember trying to dodge Warren when he was gathering up help for a project. Warren Jr. and Stevie were already used to helping out and they developed strong work ethics early on. I spent more energy trying to escape work and there were valuable life lessons once he finally got me started. Being recruited to dig post holes for a backyard vineyard still makes me chuckle. Warren Sr. managed to get me to pitch in which was a valuable lesson on how execution is just as important as vision. I kept wondering when he told me how long it took to establish grapes why we were doing it. I was completely useless and it was hot out but everyone was patient and eventually a hole or two got dug with my help. Every time I have a glass of wine I think of the Smith's back yard and what it takes to produce grapes and start a vineyard. Vision, hard work, patience, faith, knowledge, initiative, and character were the lessons Warren taught everyone he met. Warren could see the future and then make it happen. I thought of him often during my career and I will always remember him fondly. My prayers and best wishes to Mary Lee, Warren, Cissy, Paul, and Lauren! Love, Chas

June 26 at 8:00 PM

AK

Alyce Kirk posted:

My heartfelt thoughts for Warren's family, of whom he was so understandably proud. A beautiful and genteel wife, three fascinating children, and delightful grandchildren resume his legacy of a passion for life, family and friends. He always made me feel welcome with a spark in his eye and a generous comment. Alyce Kirk

June 27 at 8:00 PM

ML

Mary Lee posted:

HEART FULL OF LOVE, MY DARLING. MISS YOU, MARY LEE & TEDDY

June 27 at 8:00 PM



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CI

Cissy posted:

DAD,I LOVE YOU SO, SO MUCH AND WILL MISS YOU DESPERATELY.CISSY

June 27 at 8:00 PM

CM

Carl Marsden posted:

God welcomes the vast human experiences coupled with a caring heart.

June 26 at 8:00 PM

TT

Terry Thometz posted:

He could be as still as a stone but you always felt his presence and total awareness and it was immeasurably reassuring. 61 years! Doesn't that say it all? My heart goes out to the Smith family.

June 26 at 8:00 PM

PW

Patty Warden posted:

Dear Man,I will deeply miss your friendship.

June 26 at 8:00 PM

RM

Ray Morris posted:

Your friendship will be missed.

June 26 at 8:00 PM

SA

Scott Aijo posted:

Warren was like a surrogate Dad to me, in fact the family is. I shall deeply miss him. My prayers and thoughts go to the Smith family.

June 26 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Warren by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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