



Mr. Walter Smith

December 1, 1945 - October 17, 2022

Walter Smith, age 76, passed away October 17th at Cottingham Hospice House after a courageous battle with Leukemia.

Walt was born on December 1, 1945 in Troy, AL to the late Robson and Agnes Smith. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Sandra; their children Natalie Patterson (Jabaar) of Smyrna, GA, Erica Maron (Jeremy) of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, and Joshua Smith (Tamara) of Bluffton, S.C.; brother Gilford Smith (Kathy) of Anderson, S.C.; and sister Mary Smith Gibson (Mack) of Troy, AL. Walt was a proud and loving grandfather to his 7 wonderful grandchildren: McKenzie Griffin, Kayden Blu and Bric Patterson, Wylie and Mack Maron, and Emerson and Reagan Smith.

After graduating from Auburn University, Walt enjoyed a very rewarding and successful career as an engineer for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. The culmination of his career was the development of the engine that would power the F-22 Raptor, ensuring air superiority for decades to come. Walt had a lifelong love of flying and was fortunate to own three different airplanes; the last two he enjoyed during a wonderful, 17-year retirement. He loved living on beautiful Lake Keowee and making so many great friendships here. He also loved traveling the world with friends and family.

We are so grateful to M D Anderson, Houston, Dr. Borthakur, Eastside Cancer Center, Greenville, Dr. Fanning, the Oconee Cancer Center, Dr. Karen Dyehouse and Trish Moore, and Oconee Memorial Hospital & Infusion Centers for their wonderful care, as well as to the excellent, caring staff at

Cottingham Hospice House.

A casual gathering to celebrate Walt's life and share memories will be held at Sullivans Metropolitan Grill, 208 S. Main St., Anderson, SC on Saturday, November 5th from 10am to noon.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Also, any special memories of Walt that can be shared with his children and grandchildren would be appreciated and can be emailed to Sandy.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Walter Smith*

October 23, 2023 at 05:07 AM



“ *Sandra and Family, so sorry for your loss. I knew Walt from Auburn where we rented a house and roomed together. We met in Auburn a few years ago and were able to visit. Joe Siren contacted me with the news. Walt was a great guy and I know he will be missed. You all have my sincere sympathy.*

Landis Gaston - November 02, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ *This is such sad news. And for us so unexpected. We are late getting it as the news has trickled out slowly to the Florida Pratt alumni. It has been such a long time, but Mike and I take special pride in having introduced Walt and Sandy for a blind date so long ago. I'd especially like to reach out to Sandy, but the obituary (although it says memories can be mailed to Sandy) does not include her e-mail address. Mine these days is mizwazoo@earthlink.net. I hope we can get touch again.*

Sandra Jackson - October 25, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *Maria Rosario Toward purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Walter Smith.*



Maria Rosario Toward - October 24, 2022 at 08:44 PM

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PK - October 24, 2022 at 06:13 PM

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“ David Edmunds purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Mr. Walter Smith.



David Edmunds - October 20, 2022 at 03:26 PM

MA

“ I remember Walt from my days at Pratt. A real legend with the airforce and PW relative to the F119 engine he help develop. Sad to hear of his passing- condolences to you all. May he Rest In Peace.

Mark Aubuchon - October 20, 2022 at 11:56 AM

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“ Sandy and family I am so sad to hear about walt I considered him a dear friend and a great co worker We shared some wonderful and sometimes horrible times in our career especially working on the F119 for so long. I will always cherish those days and the times I had with walt. He will stay in our prayers. I hope you and the girls are doing ok . Life must go on and spend quality time with your grankids. If there is anything I can do to help please let me and ruth know.. Stay well!!! Bob Cea

robert a cea - October 20, 2022 at 11:44 AM