

In Loving Memory



A Celebration of the Life of
Allan Joseph Smith, Jr.

May 15, 1935 – March 20, 2015

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.

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The nurse said, "A week," and we came;
the nurse said, "Today," and he left.

So ended our winter of uncertainty.

This equinox was sacred.
A perigee moon, a solar eclipse,
and a diamond ring.
Our little life is rounded.

It's time to unpack some words from shrouded storage:
words like unbidden and stalwart,
columbarium and fortitude.
Relief.
Release.
Peace.

Words like "My father's house."

These words have a time and a purpose.
They are ours for as long as we need.

The tempest will pass,
and another season arrive.

~Carol Colby
March 23, 2015



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Funeral Mass

Christ Our King and Savior Catholic Church
Greensboro, Georgia

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.

Father Paul Williams Officiating

Prayer Of St. Francis Of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love: for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Funeral Mass Order of Rite for Allan Joseph Smith, Jr.

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Celebrant: *Father Paul Williams*

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Song

Lead me Lord, *UIC#221*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Read by Terri Laufer

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23 – The Lord is My Shepherd

Choir

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-39

Read by David Smith

Alleluia

Praise to You

Choir

Gospel

John 14: 1-6

Homily

Fr. Paul Williams

General Intercessions

Fr. Paul Williams

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Gift Bearers:

Brant Smith and Ian Smith

Offertory Song

Here I Am Lord *UIC#572*

Eucharistic Prayer

Fr. Paul Williams

Communion Song

I Am the Bread of Life *UIC#510*

Communion Meditation

Ave Maria by Art Hargrove

Final Thoughts

Steve Smith

FINAL COMMENDATION

Closing Song

How Great Thou Art *UIC#749*

Sherri Odum, Pianist

The family thanks the many friends and relatives who have offered their love and support. Everyone is welcome to come downstairs to the Sacred Heart Social Hall for a reception immediately following the Mass. The Smith family will greet you at the reception.



Allan Joseph Smith, Jr.

Allan Joseph Smith, Jr., 79, of Greensboro, GA, died surrounded by his family on March 20, 2015, after an extended battle with dementia. He was born on May 15, 1935, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Allan Joseph Smith and Ann Weber. He married Mary Stuart Palmer Smith in 1962, and they lived in Dunwoody, Georgia for 40 years before moving to Greensboro in 2008.

Allan received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Fenn College in 1962, and a Master of Engineering degree in Aerospace Engineering from Sacramento State in 1967. His career included assignments with Aerojet General, Georgia Tech, and an 18-year position with MARTA, where he was instrumental in developing its rail line system. He also served as president of the Georgia chapter of Project Management Institute.

Allan imparted his passion for tennis to countless athletes over the course of his life. He retired from MARTA to become a full-time tennis official, serving as referee for many tournaments at the junior, collegiate, adult, and USTA levels, as well as for wheelchair athletes. He was voted USTA Grassroots Tennis Umpire of the Year in 1992. He served as president of the Atlanta Professional Tennis Umpire Association. He held two U.S. patents for tennis court equipment. He also loved to travel, was a lifelong aficionado of music, and enjoyed dancing.

He is survived by his loving and stalwart wife, Mary; daughter Terri Laufer, her husband, Daniel, and their children, Benjamin and Sarah, of Smyrna, GA; son Steve Smith, his wife, Taryl, and their children, Brant and Ian, of Boulder, CO; daughter Carol Colby, her husband, Chris, and their children, Randolph and Dean, of Radford, VA; and son David Smith, his wife, Jill, and their children, Kyle, Rachel and Kevin, of San Antonio, TX. He is also survived by his sister Diane Yagiolo and her husband, Steve, as well as his sister Sylvia Leeseberg and her husband, David, all of Greensboro, GA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Saint Mary's Good Samaritan Foundation, 1230 Baxter Street Athens, GA 30606. McCommons Funeral Home, 109 W. Broad St., Greensboro, GA, (706) 453-2626, is in charge of arrangements. Visit us at www.mccommonsfuneralhome.com to sign the online guest register.

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