



Mr. Bernard Reid Smith Jr.

October 10, 1923 - November 23, 2014

Bernard Reid Smith, Jr. died peacefully at his Biltmore Forest home on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014. He was born Oct. 10, 1923, to Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Reid Smith. He is predeceased by his wife Dorothy Danielson Smith and by his son Daniel Reid Smith.

Bernard, affectionately known as Barney, was born and grew up in Asheville. He attended Mars Hill College. He served two years in the military during WWII. Following his military service and his marriage, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was graduated with a degree in Journalism.

He and Dorothy returned to Asheville. Barney was long time courthouse reporter for The Asheville Citizen-Times newspaper. He was known for his in-depth knowledge of the city, county and state political scene and who's who in government. He ended his career as Managing Editor of The Asheville Times.

He was a past member of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina at Asheville, the Presbyterian Home for Children, and served on the zoning board for the Town of Biltmore Forest.

Bernard's grandfather, the late Rev. Robert Perry Smith, served as head of the Reidville Female Academy in Reidville, S.C., served as the second president

of Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C. and later returned to North Carolina to become the founder of the Presbyterian Home for Children in Black Mountain, N.C

Bernard is survived by a daughter, Page Smith Petty, and her husband Joseph Taggart Petty of Landrum, S.C.; grandson, Thomas Reay Rountree and wife Carrie of Charleston, S.C.; granddaughter, Frances Ann Vaughan and husband Mark of Campobello, S.C.; step granddaughter, Susan Petty Kern and husband Brian of Spartanburg, S.C.; great grandson Brayden Thomas Rountree of Charleston, S.C.; step great grandsons Robert Eli Kern and Ean Joseph Kern, and step great granddaughter Ella Page Kern of Spartanburg, S.C.

A memorial service will be held at First Christian Church, 470 Enka Lake Road, Candler, at 11am on Saturday November 29th 2014 with family receiving friends and a reception at the church following the ceremony. Private burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, it is suggested memorials be made to First Christian Church, Presbyterian Home for Children, Black Mountain, N.C. or Four Seasons Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Christian Church Asheville
470 Enka Lake Road
Candler, NC 28715

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Bernard Reid Smith Jr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Bernard was a wonderful man full of love and respect for all his family. He lived a good life full of memories that we can all keep close to our hearts.*



Lynda R Horton - November 25, 2014 at 07:41 AM



I remember Bernard fondly. When I worked for AP overseas and would come home every two or three years, I would always stop by the Asheville paper to chat with Bernard about journalism and the big stories of the day. He was always very gracious and engaged.

Robert Reid - November 25, 2014 at 08:26 AM