



Frank Stacy Smith III

March 9, 1941 - January 19, 2024

Frank Stacy Smith of Asheville, North Carolina, died peacefully on Friday, January 19, 2024, after having being diagnosed only recently with advanced-stage pancreatic cancer. He was 82. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stacy Smith, Jr.

Born March 9, 1941, in Asheville, Frank graduated from The Asheville School and went on to earn a degree in Applied Mathematics from North Carolina State University. Following a brief stint at Harvard Business School, Frank returned home and joined his cousin, Canie Smith, at Dr. T.C. Smith Company, which was founded in 1869 by their great, great-grandfather. Frank and Canie ran the business until its sale in 1992. In 1985, Frank founded Hunter Banks Company, the premier fly-fishing retail store in the region.

Frank lived a full life pursuing his many passions which included fly fishing, shooting sporting clays, bird hunting, and NC State athletics. These pursuits led him to travel widely in the U.S. and around the world, where he made many good friends of all ages.

Frank's fly-fishing adventures first led him to Montana, but eventually to his beloved Argentina where he fished every winter for 37 years. Ever the angler, Frank fished all over the world including Alaska, New Zealand, Russia, the Bahamas, and England.

In addition to fishing, Frank enjoyed shooting sporting clays both recreationally and competitively. He was recently recognized for shooting 50,000 registered competitive targets.

During all of his many adventures, Frank was always open to helping others and was a mentor to many.

Beyond his business and recreational passions, Frank was a member of the Rotary Club Downtown Asheville since 1967. He also held a position on the Trout Unlimited National Board of Directors for 12 years, as well as other civic endeavors.

Frank is preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Stephanie. He is survived by his sister, Beatrice Smith Maybank of Dalton, GA, cousin, Canie Smith (Lynn) of Asheville, niece, and nephew, Beverly Burgdorf (Davie) of West Point, VA, and Thomas Maybank (Liz) of Bluffton, SC, and Matias Aranguren (Paula) of San Martin de los Andes, Argentina.

Frank's desire was for a small family graveside service followed by a celebration and remembrance of his life to be held at Highland Brewery on April 6, 2024, at 5 pm.

Frank and Stephanie set up the Frank S. Smith and Stephanie H. Smith Fund within the V Foundation. This fund goes toward pancreatic cancer research. Donations may be made by visiting www.v.org and can be specified for the Frank S. Smith and Stephanie H. Smith Fund.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 6. 5:00 PM (ET)

Highland Brewery
12 Old Charlotte Hwy.
Asheville, NC 28803

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Frank's Aunt Beverly was married to my dad. Frank would visit at Thanksgiving for many years. My 17 year old grand nephew is an avid fisherman and met Frank. He was very kind to the young man who was in awe of Frank's broad experience as an angler.

Michael and Jean Close - April 05, 2024 at 05:47 PM

AB

“ Please accept our condolences. Our lives have been made richer by the influence of Mr. Stacy, Frank and Canie Smith. You contributed so much to the fabric of Asheville. Bless you.

Adele Penland Boyce - February 08, 2024 at 10:46 AM

BS

“ Always a kind, selfless soul, willing to answer questions about our mutual love for fly fishing. My condolences Smith family--Frank lived a full, passionate life. Brent Seagle

Brent Seagle - February 01, 2024 at 10:41 AM

CS

“ Frank, will be missed by many always enjoyed talking to Frank about his lastest trips he had been on there was always some sort of adventure. Frank was a very caring man.

Carr Swicegood - January 30, 2024 at 07:46 AM

CH

“ You will be missed!

Chris & Leah Hyatt



Chris - January 24, 2024 at 02:48 PM

RH

“ You were always our leader. We will miss you!



Randy Hyatt - January 23, 2024 at 08:22 AM

MM

“ Michele Michael Marquez and Ray Marquez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Stacy Smith III.

Michele Michael Marquez and Ray Marquez - January 22, 2024 at 09:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Stacy Smith III.



January 22, 2024 at 09:06 PM

MG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Matt Green - January 22, 2024 at 09:13 AM

PM

“ We will miss our friend.....



Patrick McClendon - January 21, 2024 at 12:15 PM

BH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

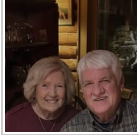


Bob Holland - January 21, 2024 at 07:52 AM

PS

We will miss you Franky, enjoyed our time shooting!

Paul (Bill) Smith - January 21, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ Marie Hyatt lit a candle in memory of Frank Stacy Smith III



Marie Hyatt - January 21, 2024 at 03:20 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shane Buckner - January 20, 2024 at 10:54 PM



Miss you buddy.

Shane Buckner - January 20, 2024 at 10:55 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Frank Moretz - January 19, 2024 at 07:21 PM



I was Frank's roommate for the trip. The late Tony Kiss, the "Asheville Beer Guy," is third from the left.

Frank Moretz - January 20, 2024 at 12:24 AM



Oscar Wong, the founder of Highland Brewing of which Frank was a partner, is next to Frank.

Frank Moretz - January 20, 2024 at 12:25 AM