



Mr. John Robertson Smith

September 13, 1920 - June 1, 2016

John Robertson Smith (Jack) passed away peacefully on June 1, 2016. He was born September 13, 1920 in Moultrie, Georgia and was the only son of John Robert Smith and Kathryn Robertson Smith. He graduated from Oglethorpe University in Atlanta and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in WWII.

Married to Betty Cobb September 5, 1946 in Charlotte, NC they moved to Asheville, NC in 1957 working with Westinghouse Electric Supply (later WESCO) until he retired in 1983.

Jack was a member of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church serving as a youth leader and on the church session for many years.

He was a lover of many things! An avid tennis player, he became a tennis umpire and oversaw USTA tennis tournaments around North Carolina for many years until his health prevented him from traveling. He loved the game and, above all, insisted on good sportsmanship on his courts. His love of cooking and experimenting with food gave him great pleasure, his famous spaghetti sauce remains a mystery. For many years he loved planting in his yard – flowers, vegetables and rose bushes. And, most of all, he loved his family!

Jack is survived by his wife Betty, his children Cynthia (Tony Sayer) and Jeffrey, his grandchildren D. Brett August Harker, Lauren Hollis Harker, Joanna C. Wade (Brian) and Abigail Clarke-Sayer (Warren Berry), and two great-grandchildren Margot C. Wade and Theodore A. Wade.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m., at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 789 Merrimon Avenue in Asheville.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
789 Merrimon Avenue
Asheville, NC 28804

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Robertson Smith*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Kelly - June 06, 2016 at 12:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John Robertson Smith.*



June 06, 2016 at 08:54 AM



“ *Jack was one of the first people I met when I began playing tennis at the Asheville Racquet Club, and I still remember him always asking about my game or watching any tournament that was going on. I also remember him always being there to watch Roberson's team play, of which my son Brad was a member, and he was the consummate ambassador for the game. I have many fond memories, and my condolences go out to all his family and friends.*

Cindy Pomeroy, and Bill Pomeroy

Cindy Pomeroy - June 05, 2016 at 10:21 PM

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“ I am so very, very sorry for your loss. He was such a special man. My heartfelt condolences to you Betty and family. He will be missed.

Nancy Gulley,
Gentiva Home Health

Nancy Gulley - June 04, 2016 at 05:52 PM

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“ Bob, Teresa, Burt and all Alpine Ski Center Staff purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. John Robertson Smith.



Bob, Teresa, Burt and all Alpine Ski Center Staff - June 04, 2016 at 10:20 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mr. John Robertson Smith.



June 04, 2016 at 07:01 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Robertson Smith.



June 03, 2016 at 10:43 PM