



## Jerry L. Smith

March 1, 2021

Jerry L. Smith, known to friends and family as “Hunt,” died peacefully surrounded by his wife and children on March 1, 2021.

He was known for his acerbic wit and masterful storytelling recounting his experiences growing up in the bootheel of Missouri, serving as CFO of chemical companies and pharmaceutical research firms, and globetrotting with his wife, Donna.

Most important to him was his family, especially his children and grandchildren, about whom he shared that “many of his friends can attest that they are exceptional,” when recently documenting his life’s stories. He also enjoyed hunting, investing, a good scotch with friends, and the entire Dr. Hook catalog.

Hunt is survived by his wife of 33 years, Donna Beck Smith, his three children, Benjamin (Bethany) Smith, Elizabeth (Michael) Smith Brigham, and Peter Smith; and his four grandchildren, Eva, Christopher, Jack and Nicholas.

He was predeceased by his mother, Louise Middleton Smith, father, William Medicus Smith, and siblings James, Robert and Betty Louise Smith.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, March 12th at St. Boniface Episcopal Church 5615 Midnight Pass Rd, Sarasota, FL 34242.

Due to COVID-19 protocols, all attendees are required to make reservations ahead of time by calling (941) 349-5616. The service will also be live-streamed via their website at <http://www.bonifacechurch.org/worship>.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations to either the Ronald McDonald House Tampa Bay, where Hunt was an active volunteer, or to St. Boniface Church with Migrant Mission in Memo.



# Comments

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“ To My Niece and Family:

So very sorry for your loss. Jerry was, indeed, a gentleman and a scholar. He will be missed. May He Forever Rest In Peace.

Aunt LaLa and Ray Skubiz

**Mae Skubiz** - March 11, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ Such sadness in losing Jerry. He was a good Son in law, loving husband & Dad. It is not we who hold the strings of life but the Master. God needed Jerry's expertise at his eternal home. Jerry will now be blessed seeing the Beatific Vision, a goal we all want to attain. May God hold all of you in the Palm of His Hands and ease your pain. Love, Mom & Nana

**Julie Beck** - March 12, 2021 at 12:19 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Smith.



March 10, 2021 at 03:46 PM

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“ Indeed, a great picture of a wonderful guy. Hunt was known for his funny, rye wit as he would convey every story with a smile and mischievous twinkle in his eye. Until we meet again Hunt, you will be remembered well and sorely missed by all of us who were truly fortunate to have known you in this life....

kindest thoughts and prayers for Donna and his family of whom he was so very proud!

Kathy and Mike

**Kathy and Mike Pool** - March 09, 2021 at 02:53 PM

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“ Hunt was indeed a masterful storyteller from Missoura, as, I believe, it is correctly spelled. One story we shared, certainly, was the unique way we met...it's a small world indeed. Incidentally, we'd always thought the Dr. Hook thing was a joke. I mean, we'd never heard of them before. But in the last few days, I've listened to some of their songs and I have to say, at least they had one true fan.

Hunt left the world and the many people he touched better for his tenure. We will miss him greatly.

Cliff & Joan Christenson

**Cliff Christenson** - March 09, 2021 at 01:17 PM