



## Dr. Charles C. Smith Jr. MD

September 27, 1930 - March 8, 2020

Charles C. Smith, Jr., MD  
89, died Sunday March 8, 2020

He was born in Fonde, KY to Charles C. Smith Sr & Clytie Smith. He was a graduate of Middlesboro High School, Georgetown College and University of Louisville School of Medicine. He completed a Rotating Internship at University Hospital Birmingham, AL and a residency in Internal Medicine at University of Louisville where he served as Chief Resident in 1960. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a base flight surgeon from 1956-1958. He dedicated 50 years of his life to the practice of Internal Medicine, where he was known as the "Doctor's Doctor". His entire career, he volunteered his time as a Clinical Instructor in Internal Medicine at the University of Louisville. He received a Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa from Georgetown College in 1987.

He was a devoted member at Christ Church United Methodist and also a member of Big Spring Country Club. He served as President of the Jefferson County Medical Society, President of the Kentucky Medical Association, Governor of the American College of Physicians, and Councilor from KY for the Southern Medical Association. He was a founding member of the initial Board of Directors of Anthem where he was a Vice Chairman and member of the Executive Committee.

After retirement, he continued his education at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, monitoring many classes. He also traveled extensively with his wife Rosemary around the world. He continued his life of service to the community by participating in the Historic Preservation of Marine Hospital as a National landmark in Portland. He was also passionate in his support of Henderson Settlement located in his beloved Eastern KY.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life and his wife of 57 years, Rosemary Sledge Smith.

He is survived by his sons, Charles C. Smith III MD (Lynn), New Orleans, LA, and Mark G.

Smith MD (Terry); daughters, Stephanie Altobellis, MD (Thomas Dunbar) and Cindy Franzen (David) Franklin, TN; Brother, James Smith, MD (Gail) Dallas TX and Sister-In-Law Norma Sledge; grandchildren Clay Smith (Katy), Drew Smith (Liz), Kathryn Korengold (Will), Abby and Nolan Smith, Vincent and Salvatore Altobellis; and great grandchildren Morgan and Grace Smith.

Funeral Service will be at 1pm Saturday March 14 Christ Church United Methodist, 4614 Brownsboro Road with private burial to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Visitation 4-7 pm Friday March 13 at Pearson's 149 Breckenridge Lane.

Memorials to Henderson Settlement, PO Box 205, Frakes, KY 40940 or charity of your choice.

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Pearson Funeral Home

149 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville, KY, US, 40207

**MAR** **Service** 01:00PM

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Christ Church United Methodist

4614 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY, US, 40207

# Comments

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“ It is a pleasure to be able to say I knew him and that I can say he was a great doctor to me. He will be missed by many.



**KIMBERLY F KENEMORE** - March 25, 2020 at 09:05 AM

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“ Charlie Smith was not only an extremely great, competent, caring, and compassionate physician, but also a great husband, a wonderful father, and friend of so many. For me, he was one of my most admired and inspiring friends for the past seventy-three years, as well as countless others. His greatness, love, care, and compassion will go on living in all of us so long as we live. Ronald F. Deering

**Ronald Deering** - March 14, 2020 at 08:13 PM

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“ It was my pleasure to have known Dr. Charles Smith and Rosemary in part through his brother and also through annual dinners for them in celebration of the Charles C. Smith, Jr Endowed Lectureship at UofL. The range of his contacts in the academic world was most impressive. I spent 9 years in Dallas, first as a medical student and later as a faculty member at UT Southwestern Medical School, where I got to know Dr. Jim Smith quite well. Jim provided my first introduction to Louisville and often shared his genuine affection and admiration for his brother. It was unfortunate that due to the current risks of travel, Jim was not able to be in Louisville today. My condolences to him and to all members of his family.

**Paul McKinney, MD** - March 14, 2020 at 07:28 PM

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“ Perri Orr-Stephens lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles C. Smith Jr. MD



**Perri Orr-Stephens** - March 14, 2020 at 03:32 PM

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“ Charlie and I share September birthdays so we always renewed our licence around the same time. Years ago, I stopped in White Castle for a hamburger after being at the county clerk's office and to my surprise Charlie was right behind me! Sharing lunch with my dear friend is one of my sweetest memories of Charlie. There are so many wonderful memories of him, but somehow it is that unexpected time with a friend that God blessed me with that day, that is one of my favorites.

**Reba Stewart** - March 13, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ Loved this man...

**Becky Shaw** - March 14, 2020 at 12:45 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles C. Smith Jr. MD.



March 12, 2020 at 07:36 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. He was a great mentor to me as a young cardiologist joining the staff at the old Methodist Evangelical Hospital here. I have always had the utmost respect for him and what he did for his patients and the greater medical community of Louisville. He's simply the best doctor I've ever known, not only in terms of knowledge and clinical judgment but also in his kindness and humanity. And he somehow always had a pertinent quotation from the Bible when it was needed! I know that his legacy lives on in Stephanie and Mark, and also in the hundreds of folks like myself whom he taught how to be stewards of our patients' trust.

Greg Henes, MD

**C Gregory Henes** - March 12, 2020 at 04:25 PM

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“ Saddened to hear of this. He touched so many people. Condolences to family and friends.

**Perri Orr-Stephens** - March 13, 2020 at 12:35 PM

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“ HCA Acquisitions Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. Charles C. Smith Jr. MD.



**HCA Acquisitions Team** - March 12, 2020 at 01:22 PM

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“ To Chas, Mark and Steph. so sorry for Doc's passing. He and Rosie can once again travel where ever and when ever they choose TOGETHER. He took care of me for some 35 years. and did a helluva job at it. He will be missed severely in the times ahead.

Don (DONNIE, as he called me) Brown

**Don Brown** - March 12, 2020 at 08:57 AM

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“ Boz, Terry and family. Sending my condolences to you all. I will be keeping you in prayer during this difficult time.

**Regana Hunt** - March 11, 2020 at 08:36 PM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles C. Smith Jr. MD.



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