



Thomas Arthur Smith

June 22, 1954 - June 5, 2013

Thomas A. “Tom” Smith of Johns Creek, Georgia, passed away on June 5, 2013 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Tom was born in Frederick, Maryland, on June 22, 1954. After graduating from Catawba College he moved to Atlanta in 1978 to attend the master’s program at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Tom joined Oglethorpe Power Corporation in 1979 and worked in several financial roles. He then worked for CoBank before returning to Oglethorpe in 1999 as the corporation’s president and chief executive officer. Tom touched so many lives at work, in the community, and the country through his exemplary leadership and gentle spirit.

In addition to his work at Oglethorpe, Tom was a director of ACES Power Marketing. He also was a director of the Electric Power Research Institute and chairman of its Audit Committee through April 2013. Tom was also a director of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Georgia Tech Advisory Board. During the years 2007-2011 Tom was named to Georgia Trend’s list of the top 100 most influential Georgians. In 2003 he was a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Because of his professional accomplishments, in 2012, Tom was given a very special honor when Oglethorpe renamed their Murray Energy Facility to the Thomas A. Smith Energy Facility.

Tom also enjoyed his free time. He was an avid hunter. His most prized trophy was an 1100 pound elk taken in New Mexico. Tom was a dedicated Georgia

Tech fan. Go Jackets!! He loved the lake, fishing and boating especially as he watched his son, Kevin, wakeboard behind his boat. Later in his life Tom developed a passion for wine and enjoyed wine collecting during his travels. Tom was a wonderful husband, father, son, and brother. He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy, and son, Kevin, his devoted dog, Dixie, his parents, Mary Ann and Jack Smith (Jefferson, MD), sisters Debbie Lomb and husband Ray (Middleton, MD) , Barbara Manoski and husband Tom (Boiling Springs, SC), Terri Sessoms and husband Whitt (Virginia Beach, VA) and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held on Thursday, June 13, at Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church, 9820 Nesbit Ferry Road, Johns Creek, Georgia at 9:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that contributions be made to the Thomas A. Smith Scholarship Fund for students of Tucker High School. Mailed donations may be made payable to: Thomas A. Smith Scholarship Fund, c/o Jean L. Wheeler, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, 2100 E. Exchange Place, Tucker, Georgia 30084.

Cemetery Details

Sikorski Funeral Home

3630 West George Street
Chicago, IL

Previous Events

Service

JUN 13. 9:30 AM (ET)

Mount Pisgah Unted Methodist Church
9820 Nesbit Ferry Road
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Arthur Smith*

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“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



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“ *While Tom was a student at Catawba, he coached our basketball team. When we were in the fourth grade, Tom led us to an undefeated season and a victory in the championship game in double overtime. All of his players from Overton elementary are saddened to hear this news. Coach was very special to us and we loved our time with him!*



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*1974 YMCA county champions.
Record 10-0
Final game- Overton 22 Spencer 20
Double overtime*

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