



## Charles Richard Smith

September 23, 1933 - April 21, 2017

Charles Richard Smith, 83, of Salisbury passed away peacefully surrounded by family Friday April 21, 2017 at the Novant Health Rowan Medical Center in Salisbury. Born September 23, 1933, Charles was predeceased by his parents Richard and Lola Smith of Landis and sister Geraldine Query of Kannapolis.

Mr. Smith was a 1952 graduate of Landis High School and 1956 graduate of Catawba College.

Charles was employed by the Army Department and NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD as a physicist. He also worked for Simmons Precision as Director of Engineering and for Lockheed as a Program Manager on various Aerospace projects. Both companies were located in NJ. He was a member of the Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Geographical Union. He enjoyed opera, classical music, golf and the company of his cats.

Survivors include his wife Cathy and sister Rena Rector of Salisbury, nieces Julie Sparks (Worth) of Charlotte and Tara Lynn Query of Kannapolis and nephew Joseph Rector (Kathy) of La Plata, MD.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 10:30 AM Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at Summersett Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow at 10:30 AM in

Summersett Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in West Lawn Memorial Park.

Memorials: Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Rowan County,  
PO  
Box 295 Salisbury, NC 28145.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Smith family. Online condolences  
may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## West Lawn Memorial Park

1350 S Main Street  
China Grove, NC 28023

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 25. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Service

APR 25. 10:30 AM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charles Richard Smith.



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