



Hugh L. Smith III

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Hugh Llewellyn Smith III passed away surrounded by his family. He was born on September 27, 1954, in Worcester, Massachusetts, to Hugh Llewellyn Smith Jr. and Jean Simmons.

During his childhood, Hugh's family moved from Massachusetts to Miami, Florida, and later settled in Clearwater, Florida. He graduated from Clearwater High School and went on to earn his degree from the University of South Florida.

Hugh moved to Maryland to begin what became a long and dedicated career as a cartographer with the Defense Mapping Agency, now known as the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). He took great pride in his work and retired after 30 years of service.

On May 14, 1994, Hugh married the love of his life, Heather MacAlister. Together they welcomed two children, Hugh Llewellyn Smith IV and Hailey Rocio Elizabeth Smith, who were the joy of his life.

An avid lover of nature, Hugh found peace in hiking, camping, and kayaking. He especially enjoyed long walks in the woods with his family, friends, and his beloved dogs. Hugh also had a passion for travel. For their 30th wedding anniversary, he and Heather took a memorable cruise to Norway and Iceland—a journey Hugh described as the most spectacular scenery he had ever seen.

Hugh was predeceased by his parents, Hugh Jr. and Jean. He is survived by his devoted wife, Heather; his son Hugh IV, daughter-in-law Trina, and granddaughter Aria; and his daughter Hailey. He is also survived by his sister Debbie and her husband Dave, nephew David, and great-nephew Carter of Palm Harbor, Florida; as well as his brothers- and sisters-in-law, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 17, at 2:00 p.m. at Neelsville Presbyterian Church, 20701 Frederick Road, Germantown, MD 20876, where Hugh was a faithful follower of Christ and a longtime member. A reception will follow in



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the Fellowship Hall. The service will be livestreamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/r1hXZ8qmFBA>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to:

Neelsville Presbyterian Church

20701 Frederick Road

Germantown, MD 20876




Or

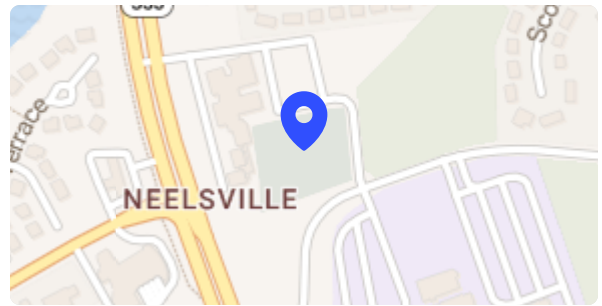
Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC)

118 Park Street, Vienna, VA 22180-4609






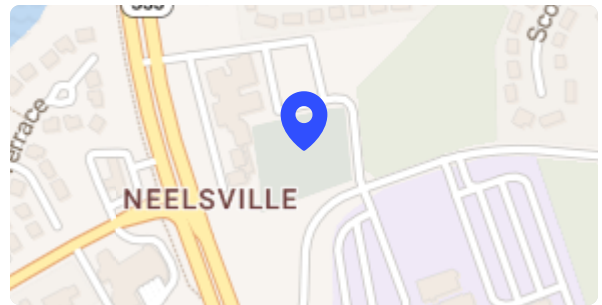
Funeral

-  **Saturday**, January 17, 2026
-  2:00 PM ET
-  **Neelsville Presbyterian Church**
20701 Frederick Road, Germantown MD 20876



Reception

-  **Saturday**, January 17, 2026
-  3:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET
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Tribute Wall

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Resthaven Memorial Gardens shared a **Hugh's Funeral Service**.



January 16 at 2:48 PM



Scotty West shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



I'm Hugh's cousin Scotty. Jeannie and I will forever miss Hugh's fun and positive spirit. I'm so glad we got to visit several times in the past few years. Our mutual cousins the Simmons famously had their cottage here on Cape Cod in North Eastham where we spent many a summer vacation with Unky Gus, Liz, Leslie and Sam. More recently, Hugh stayed with us at our home here in Sandwich. He loved the beach and the surf. We would always have a great seafood feast when he visited ... lobsters and steamers. We got him hooked on sea kayaking. We in the family always called him "Brer". I always thought the name came from Brer Rabbit, a character in American folklore. Later I found out it was from his sister Debbie trying to pronounce "brother" when they were very young. Interestingly enough, Brer Rabbit is actually a shortening of "Brother Rabbit" so I guess both things can be true at the same time. Wishing Debbie, Heather, Hugh Jr, Hailey and their families and friends strength and courage. May fond memories bring you comfort through these difficult times. Rest in peace dear Cousin Brer.

January 17 at 11:39 AM



Barbara B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Hugh.



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Media

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Resthaven Memorial Gardens shared a **Hugh's Funeral Service.**

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Scotty West shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 17 at 7:41 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Hugh by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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