



Herbert "Tony" Smathers Jr.

March 17, 1938 - February 23, 2023

Tony was born in Charleston, South Carolina on March 17th, 1938 to Dr. Herbert Way Smathers Sr. and Patsy Miley Davis. He attended the University of Virginia on a scholarship from the Navy and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Physics. Later he received a Master's Degree from the University of Maryland. He began work as a Research Physicist at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) in 1961, where he then met his wife, Jean, in 1976. They married October 31st, 1981, and had two children. His daughter Tracy was born in 1991 and his son Justin was born in 1993. After retiring from NRL (after 45 years), Tony moved with his family to Manassas, VA where he was busier than ever with propelling his kids through school.

Tony was a character who was always happy to help people. He could often be found helping his children and their friends with school projects, helping kids with math homework, or teaching kids how to play piano. A natural teacher, Tony taught many classes over the years including High School Math and Sunday School. He was a devoted son who took care of his ailing mother for years. He was dedicated to volunteering in his community and served as the President of the Homeowners Association for many years. Tony was Presbyterian and very dedicated to attending Church; starting at age 8, he went every single Sunday for 72 years, rain or feet of snow. He was completely committed to his family, both supporting them and teasing them. Tony loved playing cards, playing the piano, going on vacations with family and friends, debating, and laughing. He had a great sense of humor even

though he was very bad at telling jokes. Tony had a thirst for knowledge like none other and was always happy to talk your ear off and ask a million questions. He was an animal lover who loved every cat his wife brought home over the years. Tony was an extremely loving husband and father; his family loves and misses him dearly.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

8000 Woodyard Rd.
Clinton, MD 20735

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Knox Presbyterian Church
7416 Arlington Blvd.
Falls Church, VA 22042

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herbert "Tony" Smathers Jr..*



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“ *Jean, Tracy and Justin - Our hearts go out to you all during this difficult time. You all loved and supported Tony and provided him with compassionate care until the Lord called him home. He loved you all dearly and will be greatly missed. He will always be remembered for his sense of humor, great debates, and getting the rules straight for the white elephant exchange for everyone on Christmas Eve. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Love, Tim and Darlene*

Darlene Feagans - February 28, 2023 at 05:56 PM