



David L. Smith

June 13, 1951 - January 14, 2011

Chicago, Illinois

Memorial Service: 1:00 P.M. July 14, 2011 at Fremont Funeral Chapel

Interment: Ollie Cemetery

David L. Smith, born in Ottumwa, Iowa on June 13, 1951, passed away in Chicago on January 14th, 2011, after a nine-month battle with lung cancer at the age of 59. David received his AA degree from Ottumwa Heights College of Iowa (1973), his BA and BS degrees from the University of Chicago in 1997. David married Rebecca Gray Schmidt on November 5th, 1988. He was employed as a supervisor in the City of Chicago Department of Law, Aviation, and Environment & Regulatory Division from 1991 until his death. His primary projects with the city were the O'Hare Airport Modernization and the Chicago River Clean-up; he had a passion for statistics and the social sciences, and

used his extensive knowledge to serve the citizens of the City of Chicago. David and Rebecca were active members of the Field Museum of Chicago, the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, and the Art Institute of Chicago.

David is survived by; his spouse Rebecca Gray Schmidt Smith, his daughter, Katrina Smith Beeston, his grandchildren Robert Alexander Beeston and Haley Morgan Beeston, and his cousins Elizabeth Coble and Isabel Coble Stubbs. His parents, Icephine Marie Ruby Smith and John Michael Smith preceded him in death. His cremated remains will be distributed in select locations of: Chicago, England, France and Belgium, as per his wishes. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his honor to one of the following institutions: The University of Chicago Alumni Association, The University of Iowa, Ottumwa Indian Hills Community College, the Field Museum of Chicago, The Art Institute of Chicago, the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, the Church of St. Peter's in the Loop (Chicago), or the Church of St. Mary's of the Visitation (Ottumwa, IA).

Memorial services will be held Thursday, July 14, 2011, at 1 p.m. at the Fremont Funeral Chapel with Father Bernie Weir officiating. Burial will be in the Ollie Cemetery near Ollie. No visitation is planned.

“David was always available to assist us no matter how important a matter he was working on. We will miss his supple mind and impressive intellect and most of all, his gentleness, honesty, and kindness.” City of Chicago Law Department colleagues.