



Derek A. Smith

June 27, 1973 - July 6, 2023

TOWNSEND - Derek A. Smith, 50, of Townsend, formerly of Westford, died unexpectedly Thursday, July 6, 2023 at Nashoba Valley Medical Center, Ayer.

Derek was born in Lowell, June 27, 1973 the son of Douglas G. Smith and the late Patricia A. (Loomis) Smith.

He was a 1991 graduate of Westford Academy in Westford and continued his education at Castleton State College in Castleton, Vermont and later received his Masters Degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology from Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. For the past several years, Derek worked as Director of Compensation at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, New Hampshire. Prior to that he held a similar position at Concord Hospital in Concord, New Hampshire. Initially, he worked at Kennedy Consulting Research & Advisory for a number of years as a management consultant.

Derek's life revolved around the happiness and well-being of his family. He enjoyed skiing, traveling and exploring new places, listening to live music, and spending time outdoors, especially walking the beach. He also liked experimenting with cooking new recipes, learning from the great skills of his wife, and helping her with the tending of her attractive gardens. He took great pride in the many accomplishments of his wife, as both a mother and a

teacher, and their children with their academic, art, music, and sports successes—as well as his sister, in her career in art history and education. He especially enjoyed attending his children's sporting events and skiing with both of them in the mountains of New England. He always gave priority to assisting all of the members of his extended and loving family, including parents, whenever they needed it. They all appreciate that Derek had a very quick and often ironic sense of humor that could make any situation less challenging.

Derek leaves his beloved wife of 24 years, Carol A. Cornell-Smith, and their children Everett Smith and Madelyn Smith, Townsend, MA; as well as his father Douglas G. Smith, formerly of Westford, MA (Terri Mills); and his sister, Gwendolyn Loomis Smith (Adam Tober) of Maine. He was the son-in-law of David and Linda Cornell, brother-in-law of Joyce Silvestro (Tony), Wayne Cornell (Amy), all of New York, and Susan Jakubowski (Brian), North Carolina. He was the uncle of Michael and Sadie Cornell, Tyler and Jeffrey Brewer, along with Hayden and Andrew Jakubowski. He is also survived by his Aunt Lynne Smith of New York; Donna Loomis Sealer (Walter) Delaware; and his great-uncle Robert L. Pfannebecker, Esq. (Nancy) of Pennsylvania.

There will be a memorial service at First Parish Church, Westford, on Saturday, July 29th at 10:30 a.m., followed by a reception for refreshment and conversation in the adjacent Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Derek A. Smith may be made to: Groton Hill Music Center, 122 Old Ayer Road, Groton, MA 01450 or directly through their website: <https://grotonhillmusic.my.salesforce-sites.com/donate/?dfld=a0n8X00000Q6MwEQAV> (Donations can be made to expand access to quality live music and music education) Or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

First Parish Church United
48 Main Street
Westford, MA 01886

Tribute Wall

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“ Carol, Everett, and Maddie, please accept my deepest condolences. I first met Derek 40 years ago. We were on the same town league basketball team. I didn't have my own ball so he would always share his with me in shoot arounds. Our friendship took off from there.

I know he loved the three of you very, very much. Please don't hesitate to call me if there is anything I can help you with.

Steve Auger

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