



Dr. Patrick Alan Smith

January 11, 1967 - April 22, 2018

Dr. Patrick Alan Smith, professor of English at Bainbridge State College, Georgia, born January 11, 1967 in Brookville, Pennsylvania, lost his three-year battle with cancer and passed away quietly on Sunday April 22, 2018 at 8:50 in the evening.

Dr. Smith graduated from Penn State University in 1990 with a degree in English and from Ohio University with a PhD in 1997. He authored numerous books including *Tim O'Brien: A Critical Companion*; *The True Bones of My Life: Essays on the Fiction of Jim Harrison*; *Conversations with Tim O'Brien*; *Conversations with William Gibson*; and *Thematic Guide to Popular Short Fiction* as well as being a ghost writer of numerous books. His work has appeared in *Studies in Short Fiction*, *Quarter after Eight*, *Scribner's American Writers*, *Scribner's British Writers*, *Aethlon*, and other publications. In addition, he was associate editor of *Bookmarks*, a book review publication.

Patrick is survived by his two boys, Eric age twelve and Matthew age fourteen, his mother Martha Smith of Bainbridge, Georgia, his brother Matthew Smith of Wyoming, and life partner Tricia Boyett of Tallahassee. Patrick left behind a great number of friends. He was preceded in death by his father Bud Smith. His charm, intelligence, and kindness will be missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of Patrick's life will be held at the Bainbridge State College solarium on Thursday, April 26 at 1:30 in the afternoon. A scholarship fund is being established in Patrick's honor at the Bainbridge State College.

Contributions can be made payable to: Bainbridge State College Fund, P.O. Box 990, Bainbridge, GA 39818, Memo: Dr. Patrick Smith.
Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Smith family with their arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ At times like this, I am reminded that words are not infallible. Dr. Patrick Smith embodied all the best qualities of a teacher. He was patient, supportive, and eloquent in speech and instruction. His sense of humor was both succinct and refreshing and brought color to all of his lessons. His admiration for the craft of writing was and will continue to be a great source of inspiration for my work. My thoughts reach out to all of his friends and family members. Dr. Smith's presence as a mentor, wordsmith, and loved one will be sorely missed and never forgotten.



Chrissi Heard - May 02, 2018 at 07:27 PM

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“ Ricky and Donna Houston purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Dr. Patrick Alan Smith.



Ricky and Donna Houston - April 26, 2018 at 07:12 AM

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“ Dr. Patrick was the great English Professors at Bainbridge College. He was caring, concerned, patient, understanding and much more. I can go on and on about Professor Patrick. He taught me so much as a student. Taking English 1 and English 2 with Dr. Smith was much more than rewarding, it was a class you never wanted to miss. He cared about his students showing so much compassion in how you learned and what motivated you to pass his class. I, Brenda Floyd loved him as a teacher and a person. I will never forget my last essay written at the end of English 2 semester - title "This Is It" Grade A - both Semester. I enjoyed reading the books he wrote and Publish. "GREAT PROFESSOR" He will never be forget Rest-IN-Peace Dr. Patrick. Gone but will never be forgotten. Brenda Floyd. With Deepest Sympathy to The Family



Brenda Floyd - April 24, 2018 at 06:54 PM

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My continued prayers are with the family of Dr. Smith. As a non-traditional student at Bainbridge College it was quite challenging but after meeting Dr. Smith and his constant encouragement I knew I would be able to meet my goals. I had his instructions for three classes and each left me more knowledgeable, prepared and a overall better student and person. His personality was contagious and his sense of humor always added a zest to each day. He made me see things I was capable of that I wasn't able to see within myself. He was excited about what we, as students, were excited about and always went above and beyond. My graduation day was complete because he shared picture-taking with my family and myself. There will never be another like Dr. Patrick Alan Smith. Blessings

Patricia Clark - April 26, 2018 at 12:55 PM