

Joseph Brian Smith

ANNAPOLIS, MD. - Joseph Brian Smith, 54, passed away at his home in Annapolis April 8, in the arms of his loving wife, Jennifer, after a two-year battle with colon cancer.

Brian was born in Pittsburgh, PA, on Dec. 7, 1956, and spent his childhood in Salem, Ohio.

He graduated from Salem High School in 1975, attended Duquesne University, and graduated with a degree in management and humanities from Emory University in 1980.

After earning an M.B.A. from Drexel University in 1984, Brian joined the Peace Corps, serving as an advisor in Liberia and Malawi. In Malawi, he met Jennifer Goodwin and they married in 1989.

Brian later served as a Food Aid Monitor for USAID in Malawi and then returned to the United States and started a recycling center in Southern Maryland in 1989. He worked as an administrative officer with Peace Corps from 1994-1999 in Micronesia and Thailand. He began working for the Capital Area Food Bank in Washington, DC, in 2002. While there, he spearheaded the design and capital campaign of a new facility, helping to raise over \$37 million.

Brian is survived by Jennifer and their sons, Thomas and William (Liam) of Annapolis; his father, Thomas (Ich) Smith; brother, Thomas Smith, Jr. (Vicki); and sister Martha Crean (William), all of Pittsburgh; sister Missy Slaathaug (Eric) of South Dakota, and 13 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Smith.

He will be remembered for his interest in and respect for other cultures, his strong environmental ethic, his commitment to serving others, his love for and devotion to his family, and the wonderful sense of fun and humor that he instilled in all that he did.

A visitation will be held on Monday, April 11, 4-7 p.m. at Eastport United Methodist Church, 926 Bay Ridge Avenue. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 12. Friends wishing to honor Brian's life can make donations to the Capital Area Food Bank at Capitalareafoodbank.org, 645 Taylor Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017, or the Malawi Children's Village through Malawichildrensivillage.org or the Alaska Community Foundation, Malawi Children's Fund, 400 L Street, Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99501.



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