



## **STEPHEN R. SMITH**



Asheville - Stephen R. Smith passed away Thursday, Nov. 24, 2005, at Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community, from heart failure.

Born in Troy, N.Y., Sept. 30, 1924, Steve grew up in Philadelphia and served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After the war, he graduated from the University of Virginia and Yale Law School. He practiced law first in New York City and then Chicago, where he joined Sunbeam Appliance Company, rising to president before retiring to Asheville in 1985 and became part owner of Damp-Chaser Electronics Co. in Hendersonville. He also served as president of Men's Garden Club of Asheville and, in 1998-99, of The Gardeners of America and Men's Garden Clubs of America.

Steve is survived by his wife of 37 years, Nancy Ricker Smith; five children by a former marriage, Virginia Smith of Canada and Florida, Dr. Karl Smith and his wife, Liz, of Florida, Alice Keller of California, Dr. Robert Smith and his wife, Patty, of Pennsylvania and Christopher Smith and his wife, Susan, of New Jersey. He also is survived by 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and his brother, Richard Smith of Alabama. He was preceded in death by son, Stephen Smith of Salt Lake City.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Deerfield Retirement Community Center, 1617 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC 28803, the Parkinson's Foundation, 122 42nd St., New York, NY 10017 or to Men's Garden Club of Asheville, P.O. Box 633, Asheville, NC 28802.

Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian is assisting the family and the memorial register is available online by going to "Obituaries" at [www.grocefuneralhome.com](http://www.grocefuneralhome.com).