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Bruce Dickinson Smith died peacefully on December 16, 2016; he was 88 years old. Born in Shanghai China in 1928, he lived his early years there, attending a German school, until his family returned to the States in 1941. He then lived in Virginia, graduated from Williams College in 1948, and served in the US Army in post-war Germany. He had a 35+ year career with TIAA CREF in New York City, while raising his family in Port Washington, New York and later Stamford, Connecticut. After retiring, he moved to Midlothian, Virginia. Following the death of his first wife, Aline, he shared his lovely mountain/lake home in Brevard, North Carolina with his 2nd wife, Gretl Gardner. He lived his last three years at The Bridge in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Active in his community, Bruce was a Boy Scout Leader, served on his church Vestry, and performed in community theater. He shared his love of the outdoors with his family by camping every summer in the Adirondacks on 7th Lake, where he had also vacationed in his youth. In retirement, he took up "race walking," and competed in the Senior Olympics.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Aline Elizabeth Williams, brother David Alan Smith, and sister Virginia Smith Grace.

Bruce loved travel, camping, hiking, and his large family. He is survived by his wife of 13 years, Gretl Gardner, sister, Margaret Anne Smith, 6 children, Bruce (Winnifred) Homer-Smith, Rick (Donna) Smith, Aline (Jim) Carillon, Hiacynth Laurin, Chip (Liz) Smith, Pamela (Don) Smith, 17 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville on June 3, with committal of the ashes to follow at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Stamford, Connecticut. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Memory Care, Asheville: <http://memorycare.org>.

