

Lewis Smith

Lewis Fullen Smith passed away peacefully at the age of 82 on February 13, 2022 surrounded by his family. For the last nine years, he lived with Alzheimer's; cared for at home by his devoted wife of 46 years, Priscilla Skillman. Lewis was born in Pasadena, CA on December 16, 1939, and lived most of his adult life in Washington, DC. Lewis's fondest memories of growing up were of his family's homestead in Riverside, CA. He especially enjoyed participating in 4H; he raised and showed beef and dairy cattle and proudly raised a cow that won both Orange County and California championships. Lewis graduated from Haverford College in 1961 and also received graduate degrees in Education from Harvard and in Political Science from UCLA. After his time at Harvard, he joined the Peace Corps and taught English in Northeast Thailand from 1962-1964. He cherished and kept in touch with the friends he made in the Peace Corps for the rest of his life. In 1966-68, Lewis served with USAID for 18 months as an administrator in Vietnamese civilian hospitals during the Vietnam War.



Pivoting from his Foreign Service work after Vietnam, Lewis went to work at the Labor Department in 1968 where he met his wife, Priscilla. Lewis and Priscilla were married on May 3, 1975 and remained devoted to each other until his death. They lovingly raised two daughters, Jennifer and Julia, and lived in a beautiful old craftsman bungalow on Kanawha Street NW in Washington, DC for 39 years. One of Lewis's great passions was renovating old houses. From 1976-1987, Lewis bought, lovingly restored, and sold 29 houses in Washington, DC, putting great care into maintaining the historic character of each property. During and following those years, he had a long and successful career with several companies in real estate and mortgage banking, ending his career with the nonprofit Manna Mortgage.

Lewis was a devoted Quaker and a member of Friends Meeting of Washington. He was also a dedicated daily runner and completed six marathons including Boston, New York, and the Marine. When he was no longer able to run, he went on long daily walks around his Washington, DC neighborhood. He loved the ocean, and took his family for a beach vacation every summer. He also loved international travel, especially memorable trips to East Africa, Italy, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, India, and Turkey. Lewis remained close all his life with his three siblings, Hannah Kully (Russel) of Altadena, CA, Deborah Smith (Ray Meeker) of Pondicherry, India, and Martin Smith (Marcela Gaviria) of Lew Beach, NY. He is also survived by his wife Priscilla Skillman of Washington, DC; his daughter Jennifer Smith, former son-in-law Nate Frigard, and grandchild Noah Frigard of Leeds, MA; and daughter Julia Smith of Los Angeles, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elden and Harriet Smith. There will be a memorial service for Lewis in the spring. Donations in his

memory may be made to Friends Meeting of Washington (www.quakersdc.org) or to its Social Justice Fund.