



## David Vyrle Smith

July 14, 1933 - January 25, 2018

DAVID V. SMITH July 14, 1933 ~ January 25, 2018 We are sad to announce the passing of David V. Smith on Jan. 25th in Santa Barbara, CA. Born in Vancouver, WA on July 14, 1933, Dave grew up in the Salmon Creek area. He retired to Carpentaria CA. While having to evacuate from the December wildfire, Dave contracted influenza and succumbed from the resulting pneumonia. Dave and his business partner Lee Root started Smith-Root Inc. in Seattle, WA in 1964. He had passion for electronics and first started making electrofishing equipment for the University of Washington. Dave moved Smith-Root from Seattle to a location across the road from the house his father built on Salmon Creek Avenue in 1974. Dave was a lifelong HAM radio operator, active in boating and also enjoyed riding his three-wheeled motorcycle. Dave is survived by his wife, five sons and his seven grandchildren. A life celebration will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens on Saturday, February 17th at 3:00 p.m. Please sign his guest book at: [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

# Tribute Wall



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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 06:10 PM

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“ *Dave was a true pioneer and innovator in the world of aquatic science engineering and conservation. He will be sorely missed by all of us friends and colleagues. Having worked with Dave for several years on special projects (including some pioneering Kenai River research in Alaska back in the early 1980's), I always admired his ability to find just the right solution for any challenge that came his way. My deepest sympathies and condolences to Dave's spouse, his children, his siblings, and everyone in the Smith family. Sincerely, Carl*

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**Carl Burger** - February 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Very sorry to Mrs. Smith and kids. Dave was a kind man. And will be missed. I live in one of Daves rentals. Mike has come over hurting 3 or 4 times. Since his father passed. He is broken right now. Sorry you guys. Jesus gives us all a 2nd life. We need to seek him out.*

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**Edward Bong** - February 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM