
DR. CHADWICK FITZHUGH SMITH

Dr. Chadwick Fitzhugh [Smith](#) passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Chad, born in Dallas, Texas to Roy and Minnie Smith, graduated from Southern Methodist University and The [University of Texas](#) Medical Branch in Galveston. Chad married the love of his life, Corinna (nee Carr), in Houston, on June 6, 1958. After enlisting in the military as a flight surgeon, Chad received his commission as a Captain in the U.S. [Army](#) then mustered to Camp Zama Hospital near Tokyo. Following his service to our country, Chad returned to Los Angeles to complete an intensive residency at the Orthopaedic Hospital. Chad promptly established his orthopaedic private practice, open until his death more than five decades later.

In 1967, Chad and Corinna moved to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, reveling in the stunning physical beauty of their adopted home. Chad loved bird hunting, fishing, tennis, traveling and reading, activities that he enthusiastically shared with his family. A lifelong education advocate, he generously served his childrens' schools as Chairman of the Boards of Trustees for both Pitzer College and Chadwick School. He enjoyed his affiliations with The California Club, The Jack Kramer Tennis Club, and his status as a Founder of the Music Center.

Chad derived his greatest professional joy as a member of the USC Medical School Orthopaedics faculty. The teaching of resident orthopaedists, an ongoing endeavor until his passing, allowed him to share his vast trove of experience with the next generation of young surgeons. An esteemed member of many prestigious professional groups, including The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and The American Orthopaedic Association, he took particular pride in his nine year term leading SICOT, the most highly regarded international orthopaedic organization.

Chad treasured his longstanding relationship with the Valley Orthopedic Clinic in Calexico, California. Over the course of decades, the entire Smith clan traveled on a monthly basis to provide volunteer medical care for children burdened with severe orthopedic problems. He regularly performed pro bono surgeries for many of these children in Los Angeles, and Chad and Corinna ultimately licensed their residence as a foster care facility. This dedication of service to others will continue to inspire the volunteering philosophy of future generations of the Smith Family for many years to come.

Throughout his life, Chad celebrated every moment he shared with his wife, Corinna, particularly their time together enjoying the Lakers, Dodgers and USC Football. A partner in every sense of the word, Corinna provided Chad the greatest possible support over the six decades of their marriage.

In addition to Corinna, Chadwick Fitzhugh Smith is survived by five children: Laura Smith Sweeney, Chadwick Smith, Jr. Michael Smith, Stephanie Smith and Ekaterina Smith. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Jessie Smith, Timothy Smith, Chadwick Smith III, Katherine Sweeney and Alexandra Sweeney.

The family has asked for donations to be directed to:

Chadwick Smith, M.D. Memorial Fund
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