



Christopher Arthur Clinton Smith

Christopher Arthur Clinton Smith of Salmon, Idaho, passed away unexpectedly on December 4th, 2015, at his home in Ketchum, Idaho, aged 59 years. Memorial services will be scheduled in Ketchum in January, and Salmon in May



D.C. Carr (1953 - 2016)

D.C. Carr had a story. And if he were alive today, he would tell you this: "I have been in the trenches. I enjoy what I do." And this would be true for all the things he accomplished in his life through hard work like: becoming a skillful lawyer, raising his cherished daughter, climbing mountains, and playing basketball. He was resilient. By the time he was a young adult, he and his two surviving sisters had buried their father, mother and a sister.

Those traumas would not stop him from living large, but they left an indelible mark on his soul. On January 23rd, D.C. Carr ended his life. He was half a world away in Cambodia, and a few weeks shy of his 63rd birthday. This obituary is dedicated to the man who inspired his 14-year-old daughter to write a love letter last May that began: "Dear Hip-dad" and ended with "Thank you so

much for making me the person I am today, especially for talking with me, loving me, and being my best friend. Thank you for being my indescribable father."

D.C. Carr was born on February 7, 1953, in Lebanon, Indiana. He was a natural on the many courts of his life. First, on the basketball courts that led him to attend Indiana State University on a basketball scholarship. After college, he taught English in Indiana and then turned his love of teaching towards wilderness expeditions for the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). He taught leadership, mountaineering and technical climbing skills for eight years. A NOLS colleague who started his career with D.C. said: "I, like many new instructors at that time, wanted to be like D.C. He was a talented instructor, climber, and mountaineer." His friend went on to capture his life-long personality by relating that D.C. had a "keen sense of humor and a wonderful mischievousness" that everyone loved.

Some of D.C.'s most satisfying work while with NOLS was his time spent in Alaska and Kenya. In Alaska he helped NOLS' students summit North America's highest peak, Denali, on 35-day expeditions. During his two years in Naro Moru as Assistant Director of NOLS Kenya, among many other things, he worked closely with Kenyan staff to integrate their culture and values into the NOLS' program.

He left NOLS in his 30's to pursue a career in law. D.C. graduated from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 1991. For the next 25 years he took on many difficult legal challenges, first in the Ada County Public Defender's office and then in private practice. He served on the Idaho State Bar's Advocate Editorial Advisory Board. He was also a faculty member of the Citizens' Law Academy and a member of the Idaho Criminal Defense Bar. Due to all of his capital criminal work, D.C. was one of the first lawyers in Idaho to become death-penalty qualified. He believed it was paramount to present a vigorous defense in order to protect a defendant's right to a fair and impartial trial. "Protecting the rights of the most vulnerable," he would say, "enables the rule of law to protect us all."

D.C. was also not afraid of new pursuits. In middle age, he picked up a nine iron and taught himself how to golf. There were fleeting moments when he fancied becoming a pro. He was also a marathon runner, bicycle racer, and master swimmer. He competed in numerous triathlons and was a top finisher in his age group at Ironman Canada (Penticton) and Ironman Coeur d'Alene.

Three years ago, in 2012, he decided to close the law books and resume his travels. Some of his favorite places in the world included Thailand, Indonesia, Nepal, and Cambodia where he traveled with his companion, Jamie, and later by himself. He loved meditation retreats and yoga, and singled out monasteries for lodging during his travels.

A great orator in and out of a courthouse, D.C. could quote Martin Luther King, JFK and Jimi Hendrix in equal measure. And while he was never one to accept any particular religion in total, he once said that Jesus was one of his heroes. Why? His answer was simple: "Because he didn't care what people thought and he lived to spread love." D.C. Carr knew a thing or two about love. The impact of his love is reflected in his daughter. "There are simply too many reasons why I love you," she said in her recent letter to Hip-dad.

On January 27, 2016, D.C. Carr was given last rites in Cambodia by Buddhist Monks Nary and Deung. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline in his name: <https://www.idahosuicideprevention.org/donate/>