



In celebration of the life of

Geoffrey Sumner-Smith

Saturday 5 November 2016 8:00pm



Tributes

“His passing marks the end of an era in the teaching of veterinary surgery and I feel privileged to have not only been taught by him, but also to have been the recipient of his wise counsel.

Suffice it to say that there are few in the profession that can say that they left it in better shape as a result of their individual efforts. Your Dad however is one such person and you can be rightly proud of what he achieved.”

- Geoff Robins, Australia



“I knew him well. The field of Orthopaedics has lost a phenomenon. He was an unbelievable, talented Professor.

I am terribly sorry for your loss. I am glad that I found the chance to meet him.

May him rest in peace.”

- Prof. Dr. Hasan Bilgili, DVM, PhD
President of Turkish Veterinary
Orthopaedics and Traumatology



“We have a flower bed named after Geoff, reflecting the wonderful time we had when he stayed with us.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.”

- John & Sue Houlton, UK



“Our deepest sympathy to you, Maxine and your families. I don’t find proper words in English how Roberto and I feel.

Geoff was a dearest friend and great colleague. We miss him very much.”

- Ulrike Matis, Munich, Germany



“I was thinking to him few days ago to send him a report of the ESVOT congress we had last month in London. He always loved to be kept involved in some way.

It’s very sad, we’ll missed him and for sure we will acknowledge him in our web site.”

- Aldo Vezzoni, Milan, Italy



“Please accept my heartfelt condolences on this sad day. As you know Geoff was a huge part of my life while I was at OVC and was very much a father figure to me then. And the friendship endured long beyond that time.”

- Clive Eger, Australia



“Please raise a glass on my behalf to ‘Your Grace’...I will be there in spirit.

I loved your dad, my surrogate father, mentor and friend.”

- John Field, Australia

Memories

St. George's Church, Wigan.

Christ's
Soldier † Servant
and

"BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH."

Geoffrey Sumner Smith

Worn

May 30th 1928

Worn again

June 24th 1928

A. D. Shore

Wren

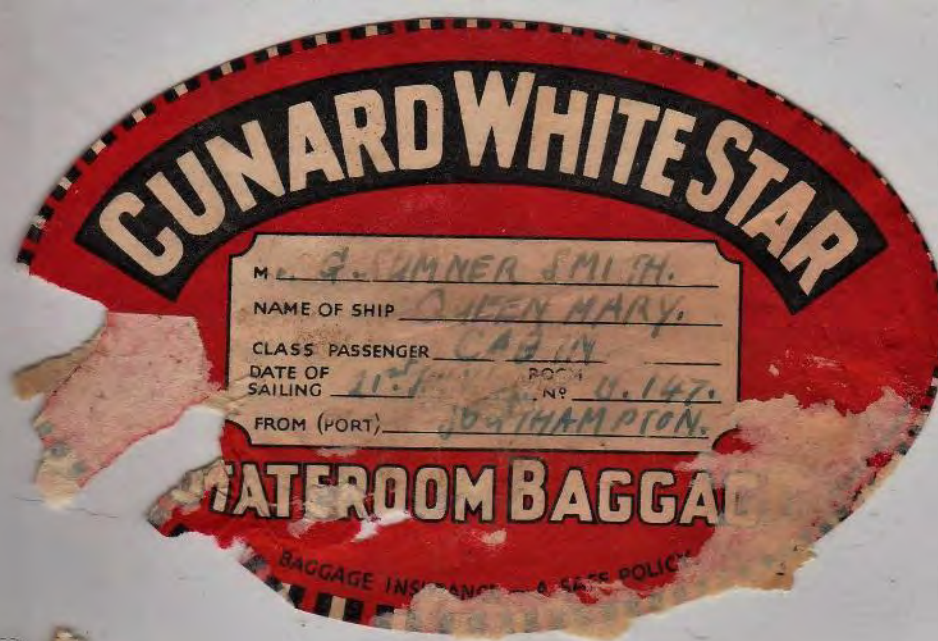
"Beloved, now are we the Children of God."

If Children, then Heirs."

Christening
1928



With Rex
in 1949



21st birthday
present in
1949: a trip to
the USA with
passage on
the 'Queens'



"LEAHURST" 1950



THE YARD AND STABLES.



UNDER SNOW.

Veterinary
training at the
University of
Liverpool field
station



1952



1955



Four
generations
in 1968



Four
generations
In 1976





Geoff
with his
brother
Peter

1975

“Many years ago our Uncle Geoff and our Dad, his kid brother (as he fondly called him) Peter made an agreement that whichever one passed away first the other would not cross the pond to be at the funeral. We, Geoff's nieces are so very grateful that Geoff chose to ignore that agreement and immediately flew those many miles to be with us when we lost our Dad 9 years ago. He acted as an absolute rock during those early days, giving us the emotional support we needed whilst grieving himself.

Geoff proceeded to take on Peter's role as parentis in locus. We shall miss our Sunday evening chats, postcards and family updates. We have fond memories of both families spending time together and playing with our cousins before they moved to Canada. We used to get so excited when our tall uncle with his shock of ginger hair came visiting every time he passed through the UK.

Not only was he good with animals he was good fun with nieces, great nephews and his great niece too. His characteristic chuckle and good sense of humour is something we will always remember him by. Geoff missed Peter intensely and it is fitting that he passed away so closely to the anniversary of his brother's passing.

Uncle Geoff, fare thee well wherever you may be.....we will all miss you.”

Helen, Zoe, Les, Henry, Deborah, Tristan and Daniel.





























Geoff
with his
niece
Helen



Geoff
with his
niece
Zoe



Remembrances
at event

Many memories from and
about my favourite mentor!

Jan Adams

To a great neighbour, we will miss you

miss you

Wendy Borgan

Jean & Bill SZKOTNICKI

Kristina & ALAN Steward

Gusan & Quentin Johnson -

Excellent neighbours - we will
miss chatting as we pass on our walk

Lynn & Peter Carter ^{XXXXX}

Mary Newell Moldenhauer

Greg & Lynn Hawkins

Send pics! → kynne@hawkinshoney.com

Al Binnington OVC 72

so off & tight together

for many years

A great friend + colleague
A special faculty
member - many
wonderful memories
at OJC - never
forgotten Anita

Remember forever - Steph.
Dachwile

Melody McBroom
Werner + Renita Praeschel

A combo mentor + grandfather and
special friend. I will miss him
always. I was his "babe"
Cathy Hooper