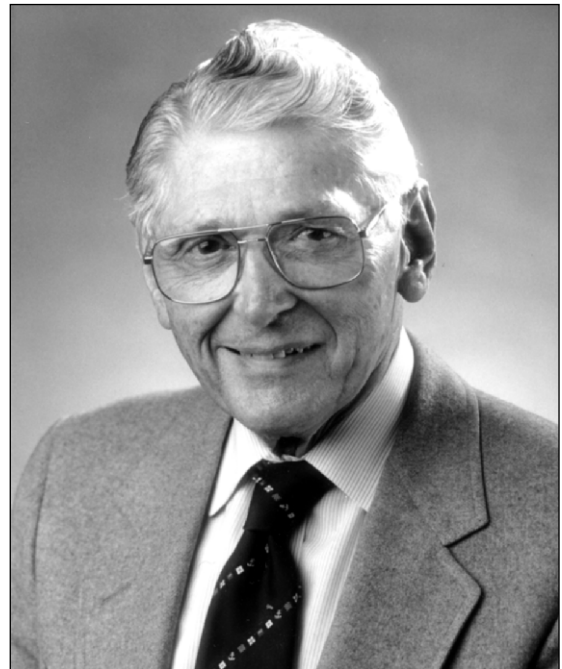


Bruce B Smith 1917-2007

Bruce Brownfield Smith was born on December 16, 1917, in Seattle, WA, of a pioneer family. He passed away on October 28, 2007 after a brief illness. Both his father and uncle were dentists. Bruce's father, Nathan Smith, practiced dentistry until he was 90 and lived to be 100. Graduating from high school in 1936, Bruce spent three years at the University of Washington in pre-dental studies. The University of Washington School of Dentistry was not yet in existence, so Bruce enrolled at North Pacific Dental College (now the University of Oregon) and graduated with honors, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, receiving his DMD and BSc degrees.

While waiting to be called to active duty with the Naval Reserve, Bruce spent one year teaching at North Pacific Dental College. During World War II, he served on active duty for three years in California and Okinawa, Japan. Following World War II, Bruce entered private practice in Seattle and later became one of the original faculty members at the University of Washington School of Dentistry on a part-time basis, teaching Operative Dentistry, Crown and Bridge and Ceramics.

Bruce served as mentor to the John Kuratli Study Club (Crown and Bridge) in Oregon for 18 years and was a member of the University-Ferrier Gold Foil Study Club from 1949 through 1985. He was a founder and the first president of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators (1952 and 1953) and received fellowship in the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists in 1953. Bruce was a member of the Pierre Fauchard Society. He served as vice-chairman and chairman of the American Dental Association Section in Operative Dentistry (1976). He was also president of the Academy of Operative Dentistry in 1974 and president of the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry in 1978-79. Bruce was a member of the CAIC dental study seminar. He received the 1998-99 Seattle King County Dental Society Service Award in honor of his 57 years in dental practice.



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Dr Smith published several papers in the dental literature and produced a movie, *Practical Rubber Dam Application*, with Dr Gerald D Stibbs. The movie won an award at the French Film Festival. Bruce contributed to various Operative Dentistry textbooks. He was the first in the United States to organize a closed circuit TV presentation of chair dental operations for the Washington State Dental Meeting in Seattle. He was an instructor for a number of two-week post-graduate courses in Ferrier gold foil procedures and a three-day course in Class II gold foil operations, along with Dr Stibbs. Throughout the United States and many foreign countries, Bruce conducted several courses and lectured on the use of dental porcelain. He designed several special instruments for use in gold foil operations and was a mentor of the George Ellsperman Gold Foil Study Seminar in Seattle. Bruce was honored with

the Distinguished Member award of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators and also the Award of Excellence from the Academy of Operative Dentistry. He was licensed to practice dentistry in three states, Washington, California and Oregon.

For recreation, Bruce engaged in sailboat racing for 20 years. In the early '50s, he was a champion fencer (1st place in the Junior Men's Pacific International Fencing tournament, 1956). He served as a summit guide at Mt Rainier and was a member of the Mt Baker avalanche rescue effort featured in *Life* magazine. In high school, Bruce was an accomplished archer, winning the

Northwest Junior Championship. He was also an accomplished singer and loved to drive his high performance Porsche.

Bruce was preceded in death by his wife Lola and is survived by daughters Joy and Nicki Smith. Dr Smith will be greatly missed on both a professional and personal level by all who knew him; however, his contributions to the profession will live on and, hopefully, serve as an inspiration to new generations of dentists.

J Martin Anderson