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Gavin Smith, 56, Managed Major Construction Projects, Grew Up in Darien

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Gavin John Smith, 56, formerly of Darien, died unexpectedly in Leesburg, Va. On Nov. 13.

He was born in Stamford on Feb. 21, 1962, and grew up in Darien before moving to Bennington, Vermont with his family in 1979.

Gavin was a graduate of MAUHS, class of '81. After leaving school he began his career in heavy construction in 1985.

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An early project took him and Walker Kimball, close friend and classmate, to Honolulu, Hawaii, where he met and married his wife of 24 years, Christiane O'Connor.

Joining Bechtel Corporation in 2000, Gavin worked as construction superintendent and eventually as construction manager for major infrastructure and power projects throughout the United States. At the time of his death he was actively involved in an upcoming 2019 project.

Gavin 's love of the Dallas Cowboys was shared buy his son Connor, sporting their Cowboy jerseys as they watched the games often from miles apart.

— [This obituary](#) previously was published by the *Bennington Banner*

Gavin is survived by his wife, Christi; son, Connor; and step-son, Danny; all of Puyallup, Washington. His mother, Constance; brother, Casey (Marie Grande); niece, Alexis K. Wright; and nephew, Chase Anthony, all of Bennington, Vermont; and numerous extended family members.

He was predeceased by his father, John F. Smith, and sister, Kelly A. Wright.

A gathering to celebrate Gavin will be held in Puyallup on Jan. 19 and in Bennington in the near future.

Gavin will be sadly missed by his family, friends, Bechtel colleagues and Jaxon, faithful family canine.

Memorial contributions for the support of Gavin's family may be made to his [GoFundMe.com fundraising page](#).