

at his home in Chapel Hill, and surrounded by his wife and five children, " the Smith family said in a statement. " We are grateful for all the thoughts and prayers, and appreciate the continued respect for our privacy as arrangements are made available to the public. Thank you. " # Smith retired in October 1997 as the winningest men's basketball coach in NCAA Division I history, having passed former Kentucky coach Adolph Rupp. That distinction now is held by Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, who remembered Smith on Sunday as a coach, teacher and role model for his players. # " I am incredibly saddened to hear of the passing of coach Dean Smith. " Krzyzewski said in a statement. " We have lost a man who can not be replaced. He was one of a kind and the sport of basketball lost one of its true pillars. # " Dean possessed one of the greatest basketball minds, and was a magnificent teacher and tactician. While building an elite program at North Carolina, he was clearly ahead of his time in dealing with social issues, " he said. " However, his greatest gift was his unique ability to teach what it takes to become a good man. That was easy for him to do because he was a great man himself. " # UNC coach Roy Williams once was an assistant on Smith's staff. With Smith's urging, Williams left to be the head coach at Kansas. Later, Smith helped coax Williams back to UNC, where Williams continued to rely on Smith's advice and guidance. # " As sad as I am, I also feel very blessed because he was such a great influence on me,