



William Smolarchuk

June 25, 1943 - April 23, 2019

Bill Smolarchuk, 75, of Lake Villa, IL, passed away on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

He was born in Chicago, IL on June 25, 1943, the son of the late John and Katie Smolarchuk. Bill was a talented woodworker, but after retiring, he took up stained glass making. He sold some of his work at shows under the name Stained Glass by GP. Bill was also a Volunteer Lake Villa Firefighter for 20 years and was a former Lake Villa Trustee.

He is survived by his wife Vicki; sons Scott (Julie Clement) Smolarchuk and Jason (Becky) Smolarchuk; grandchildren Luke, Hailey, and Blake; and by his nephew Michael (Lisa) Bigos.

A memorial celebration will take place at a later date.

Comments



“ Bill and I served on the Lake Villa Volunteer Fire Department for many years. We became great friends and I always enjoyed spending time at the basement bar of the fire house figuring out the worlds problems and how to get things done. He was also a man you could count on wether it be on a fire scene or just needing a hand. I will always remember Bill and the times we shared. Tom Barnstable

Thomas L. Barnstable - May 25, 2019 at 08:49 AM



“ Vicki and family, my heart breaks for you. Bill was a down to earth, talented, giving all around great guy. He brought laughter and perspective to problems. Peace be still

Stacey Pyne - April 30, 2019 at 08:08 PM



“ Bill was about as good a man as I have been honored to know in my life. He was a proud husband, father and grandfather. He was a volunteer and a helper. He was smart and creative. He was always fun to hang out with. I am sad that he is gone and fortunate to have known him.
My sympathy to his wonderful wife and family.
RIP Smooie, from lupa

Joseph Savage - April 29, 2019 at 06:30 PM



“ Dear Vicki and family:

It was such a pleasure to know Bill. He was smart and talented, a loving husband, father and grandfather. Vicki and I worked together for many years at the Lake County Discovery Museum in Lakewood Forest Preserve near Wauconda (now the Bess Bower Dunn Museum, located in Libertyville), and Bill became a friend. When he started to design and make stained glass, I asked him to make a special piece for my mother, in the violet and blue colors she loved. The piece he created for her was so lovely; just perfect. Bill's stained glass is a metaphor for him as a person -- quiet, but with a deep sense of beauty.

I was exceedingly sorry to hear that Bill had passed -- too young by far. But his creativity, his quiet manner, his friendliness, the companionship he and Vicki shared, and his love for his family remain.

Sent with love,

Katherine Hamilton-Smith

Katherine Hamilton-Smith - April 29, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ Sorry for your loss scott this is Steven searle we went to school together

Steven searle - April 27, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ I am so, so sorry to hear of Bills passing. I have know Bill for years at the county, and the many times we worked together on many fires through mutual aid between Lake Villa And Antioch Fire departments. He had a great sense of humor and always a big smile when ever we met. Our thoughts and prayers are with his whole family at this very sad time. R.I.P. Bill, you will be sady missed.

Retired Antioch Fire Chief

Dennis R. Volling

Dennis R. VOLLING - April 26, 2019 at 07:30 PM



“ I am so sorry to here about the passing of my friend. I wish I could be there to help celebrate his life. I've known Bill for most of my life but started to know him when he was a member of the Jaycees and we worked a few spook houses together during Halloween's. We developed a friendship that lasted over many years even though I didn't get to see him more than a few times a year. We always had a special banter that made me laugh as well as many shared talks that I will miss. My prayers to Vicki and the boys and the rest of the extended family. He will be missed by many. Xoxo - Stacie Slazes

Stacie Slazes - April 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William Smolarchuk.



April 25, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear this, worked with Bill at the County and bought a lot of glass items from him, RIP my friend.

Debbie Smith - April 25, 2019 at 07:48 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the family ... Bill and I volunteered together for many years at Lake Villa Fire and worked many incidents together during that time ... He always had a joke or story to tell ... Bill was a good man and will be missed by many. Frank H. Slazes, Jr.

Frank Slazes - April 24, 2019 at 04:32 PM