



David E. Smolkovich

March 3, 1961 - November 20, 2020

David “Smoke” Edward Smolkovich, age 59, of Kankakee, IL passed away suddenly Friday, November 20th at Amita Health St. Mary’s Hospital with the love of his life Barb and son Brian at his side.

He was born March 3, 1961 in Kankakee.

Dave and Barb spent many years together at their home in Kankakee “Keeping Busy.” He shared his love of “piddling” of fixing things with his son Brian. He was an extremely talented carpenter and spent a lot of time with Brian working on special projects, an example, the arch for his son and daughter-in-law’s wedding, as well as their gorgeous three season room. He loved to fish, garden, and was very competitive at sports and games. He was a genuinely caring man with a quiet sense of humor who enjoyed helping people as he was the go-to fix it guy for neighbors, family, or friends. He held a special place in his heart for the grand-girlies. He would light up whenever they were mentioned. They dearly loved their Grandpa Smoke. Dave was especially proud of his son and the man he has become.

He is preceded in death by his father Edward Smolkovich and beloved mother Eula Mae Frantz.

He is survived by his significant other of 15 years Barb McGrath, son Brian Harpin and his wife Jenna, and their children Avaline, Rowan, Roxanne, and

Remi. Other survivors include Barb's son Josh Mason and wife Glori and their children, Brianna and Evan; a sister, Ann Smolkovich and Robert Jolly; b beloved cousin Miriam Maass and husband Tom, and their children, Rachel Lopez and husband Andy, Lauren Baron and husband Trevor, and Casey Maass. Also surviving include many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Deacon Patrick Skelly will be officiating at a celebration of life that will be determined at a later date due to the pandemic.

Per Barb's request, in lieu of flowers, any donations will go directly to a fund set up for his granddaughters, please make any checks out as "To the Family of David Smolkovich". Please contact the funeral home for anymore information on where to send donations.

Tribute Wall



“ *David E. Smolkovich*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Godspeed and God Bless Dave Smolkovich! Love you brother!*

Walter Kueffer - December 04, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ *Jim Coy lit a candle in memory of David E. Smolkovich*



Jim coy - December 02, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ *Our condolences to David's family. He was a hard worker and will be a loss to many. John and Diane Smolkovich and family*

John Smolkovich - November 30, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to Barb and his entire family! He sounds like a very loving person. Prayers for you all. Barb, I wish that I could be there to give you a big hug and chat for a while. We grew up together. Was Pat Fisher, now Gulledege.*

Pat Gulledege - November 29, 2020 at 04:56 PM

AK

“ Alice Lucille Kopp lit a candle in memory of David E. Smolkovich



Alice Lucille Kopp - November 26, 2020 at 01:22 PM

AK

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who knew and loved Dave. He will be missed by so many.

Alice Lucille Kopp - November 26, 2020 at 01:23 PM

CM

“ Catherine Mau lit a candle in memory of David E. Smolkovich



Catherine Mau - November 26, 2020 at 07:16 AM



“ Nancy Brosseau lit a candle in memory of David E. Smolkovich



Nancy Brosseau - November 25, 2020 at 09:22 PM

CH

“ Lots of great times my friend. Rest In Peace
❤️ My condolences to the family. What a
great guy



Chris Page Huffman - November 25, 2020 at 07:58 PM

TH

“ Todd Higgins lit a candle in memory of David
E. Smolkovich



Todd Higgins - November 25, 2020 at 04:34 PM

JF

“ Jaymie Falkenhan lit a candle in memory of
David E. Smolkovich

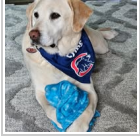


Jaymie Falkenhan - November 25, 2020 at 04:16 PM

JF

Thanks for the memories, Dave! Your friendship and talent will be missed! See you on the other side..love and prayers to Barb, Annie, and Brian and family

Jaymie Falkenhan - November 25, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ *Barbara Dams lit a candle in memory of David E. Smolkovich*



Barbara Dams - November 25, 2020 at 10:57 AM

MD

Had alot of good times and memories thanks Dave, rest in peace.

Mike Doris - November 25, 2020 at 08:36 PM

RS

Our condolences to you, Barb, on the loss of Dave. I'm sure he was loved and will be missed. Think of the good times you had with him to help you through your grief. Rest in peace.

Rick, Penny and Nick

Rick Stoewsand - December 06, 2020 at 07:43 AM