



## Stephen Smith

December 16, 1954 - April 11, 2020

Stephen Smith, age 65, of Presque Isle, passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2020 at his home. Steve was born on December 16, 1954 in Beloit, the son of Richard H. and Nancy (nee Yost) Smith. He attended Purdue University where he received his Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering and then went on to obtain his Masters in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois. Steve married Deborah J. Baker on July 21, 1984.

Steve worked for worked for both General Motors and General Electric. While working for G.M. he worked in Glendive, MT in Contract Maintenance alongside Burlington Northern Railroad. Steve had various hobbies; he was a member of The Lions Club and an accomplished woodworker. He had a great love for his HO scale model railroad that he built himself in two different homes, along with helping his father and brother build their own model railroads. Steve's greatest love was fishing and participating in the Muskie Classic every September.

He was very involved with the Economic Development Committee in Presque Isle and helped in stocking the pond at Pipke Park. To say that Steve enjoyed the Northwoods was an understatement. Having grown up on Crab Lake, he ended up living on Presque Isle Lake. Steve was a genuine, lucky and overall great man. He will be missed by so many including his wonderful 2 year old Chocolate Labrador puppies, Bella and Dozer.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; numerous uncles and

one brother. Steve is survived by his wife of 35 years; favorite aunt, Dorothy Taylor of Pekin, IL; sister-in-law, Mary Ann Smith; nephew, Michael (Joanna) and their 3 children and twin nieces, Katie (Doug) Gamroth and Emily(Kenny) Witt and their 3 boys; numerous nephews, nieces and cousins from TX, WI, CO and NE and the many great friends Steve has made throughout his life.

Steve will also be missed by his very special friend, Maye MacLean. He sailed, snowmobiled and built snow dogs on Presque Isle Lake this past winter with her. They always shared fun and laughter along with a playing a good board or card game. Sometimes Maye won.

A celebration of life will occur at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to:

Crab Lake Conservation Foundation

P.O. Box 256

Presque Isle WI 54557

Oneida County Humane Society

1852 N. Stevens St.

Rhineland, WI 54501

Northwoods Muskies Inc.

P.O. Box 1090 PMB 204

Minocqua WI 54548

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ Steve has certainly left his mark on the Presque Isle community. He was especially involved with PI EDC projects. When Steve had an idea or was asked to work on a task, he always followed through in a timely and concise manner. The community is especially happy with the “Stocking the fish” project on Pipke pond last year. Gone too soon- but Never forgotten ❤️  
Chris Wolter and PI EDC

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**Christine Wolter** - May 01, 2020 at 02:17 PM

MN

“ I will miss Steve's ski tracks nearby. Take Care Deb. A neighbor,  
M.E. Norton

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**M.E. Norton** - April 28, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ Uncle Steve – We were not ready for you to leave us this early or abruptly and since the news of you passing, it has been incredibly sad and hard – especially since we can not all be together during this time. You were our connection to the Smith side of the family. Our memories, photos, shared lessons, margaritas, along with your previous laughs are what will help us get through this and forever remember you.

You will be remember for the stories you shared at our family cabin, your love for the outdoors and fishing, incredible woodworking creations and family. I will always remember the story you told of how when you were younger a friend was sleeping over at your house. In the middle of the night your friend woke up and threw up all over the bedroom door knob so no one could get out. Your descriptions and sound effects always made me laugh no matter how many times I heard the story.

Tell my Dad hello and don't forget about us. We love you – Mike, Joanna, Brynn, Kenzie & Hudson



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Michael Smith - April 25, 2020 at 08:37 AM

MS

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Mary Ann Smith** - April 24, 2020 at 10:42 PM

FR

“ Dear Debbie,

*I had the distinct honor to work with Steve and with your Brother-in-law, Karl, at EMD and remember them both as the finest, most professional, kind, and compassionate engineers that I ever dealt with. I remember Steve had design responsibility at the time for the cylinder head and related components. I had responsibility for the cylinder liner, piston, and piston rings.*

*Conversations and working with Steve was always upbeat and professional. He had a way of handling and answering even the occasional "dumb questions" that you know can pop up in every conversation in a way that respected the individual and kept the discussion positive and moving forward. Whenever I attended a meeting with him or had a conversation with him, I always came away feeling as though I'd learned something truly valuable and important Working with him made me want to be a better and more professional Engineer, as well.*

*I hope and I'm sure that I speak for a lot of ex-EMD old timers when I state that he will be dearly missed by even more people than you might expect.*

*Godspeed, Smith Brothers.*

*Sincerely, and with the greatest respect and sorrow,*

*Frank*

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**Frank** - April 17, 2020 at 01:37 PM

MQ

“ *WOW, what a nice guy! Always happy at the Post Office, and smiling! I know he loved you, and the pups. He told me that many times!! My heart goes out to you, Debbie! Take care!*

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**Mary Quass** - April 14, 2020 at 05:46 PM

MQ

“ *WOW! Steve RIP! I am so shocked! You and Debbie were two of my favorites at the PO! Rest assured, I will be here for Debbie & the pups! I know all too well, how life is not fair! Thanks for being my friend!*

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**Mary Quass** - April 13, 2020 at 06:31 PM