



## William D. 'Bill' Smoka

September 8, 2017

Smoka, William D. "Bill" Of St. Anthony, passed away tragically September 8th, 2017. He is survived by his loving sister, Carol Ward; nieces, Stacy Ziemba, and Vikki Engelson; great nieces, Samantha Ziemba, and Paige Engleson; great-great nephew, Axel Bothwell; aunt and uncle, Bernice and George Gorski; aunt, Doris Partyka; special friend and cousin, Stas Partyka; and many cousins and friends. Bill was proud to be a member of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and a U of M alumni. He was a great Gopher Sports fan and retiree from the City of Minneapolis. Bill was an avid skier in his early years, a big fan of The Beatles and had a wonderful sense of humor, very quick with the jokes. He recently suffered with Dementia which left him with severe depression, he will be greatly missed by all. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday 9/19 at 11am, with visitation none hour prior, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 2739 NE Stinson Blvd., Minneapolis. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Alzheimer's Association. Washburn-McReavy.com Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hello to Bill's family. I met Bill through the Sitzmark Ski Club in the late 70's. Over the years I would run into Bill on flights headed to Denver as many of us remained dedicated skiers. Bill had the best wit and memory recall of anyone I ever knew. He could tell me what ski trip I was on and specific details I had forgotten. So it crushes me to learn his last days were fraught with poor memory and depression. So opposite of how Bill lived his life. He loved working for the City of Minneapolis and enjoyed his friends at Nye's. Regrettably I was out of town during Bill's celebration of life. Please know he was loved and brought smiles to every life he touched. He will be remembered by all who knew him. Please accept my deepest sympathies. Mary Pepin

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