



Bryan L. (Smitty) Smith

June 5, 1961 - November 3, 2011

Bryan L. 'Smitty' Smith, 50 year old resident of Pierz, MN, passed away Thursday (Nov. 3) at his home. Funeral services for Bryan L. Smith will be held Friday at 10:30 AM at the Shelley-Virnig Funeral Chapel in Pierz with Rev. David Maciej officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery in Lastrup, MN. Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 PM with parish prayers at 6:30 PM and Friday from 9:30 AM until the service at the Shelley-Virnig Funeral Chapel in Pierz.

Bryan was born June 5, 1961 in Little Falls, MN to the late Bennie and Julie (Seelen) Smith. He grew up in Platte Township, Morrison County and attended grade school in Harding, MN. He graduated from Pierz High School in 1979. Bryan attended Anoka Technical College for two years and then began working at Stone Container Company for the next nine years in St. Paul, MN. Since then, Bryan has worked as a heavy equipment operator on road construction projects and has been self employed. He had lived on the family homestead most of his life. Bryan was a member of the 49er Union and the United Steel Workers Union.

Bryan L. Smith is survived by his brothers, Barney Smith and Arthur (Pamela) Smith, both of Blaine, MN; sisters, Julie (Leon) Virnig of Pierz, MN; Marilyn (Delmer) Fisher of Blaine, MN and Lynette Smith of Mountain View, HI and many nieces and nephews. Bryan was preceded in death by his parents, Bennie and Julie Smith; infant sister, Maria Smith and a sister in law, Linda Smith. Honorary Pallbearers will be Rocky Boser, Ricky Moser, Terry Seppelt,

Frank Charnetzki, Tom Kowalczyk and Jim Krych. Casketbearers will be Roger Pawlu, Roger Pawlu Jr. Andy Pawlu, Kevin Pawlu, John Pawlu and Jim Zapzalka.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Pierz
202 Main St. South
Pierz, MN

Visitation

NOV **11.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bryan L. (Smitty) Smith*



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“ *Bryan L. (Smitty) Smith*

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“ I will miss Bryan. He was a good brother in law and someone I could talk to and he would listen without being judgemental. He was just a real down to earth person and I liked that in him. I could mention about something I could use help with and he would say something like "you need help? I can come over, when do you want me?" He would dig in no matter what it was or how dirty it might be. He helped us with remodeling our house from putting up insulation to chasing cows and calves in the corral getting ready for shipping. Never complained or had an excuse not to come over. Of course Julie fed him up pretty well too and sent the leftovers home with him! I will miss him coming over for Sunday dinners and the Holidays. I also will miss having the Sunday bbq"s sitting at the front of the house 'shootin the breeze'. Well, at least I won't have to eat cream sauce on my mashed potatos so much, as Julie made sure she had to make it because it was Bryan's favorite. Those were good times and I will hurt to see him go. He had his problems and struggles but I never ever bugged him about it. I think that is why he liked coming over. I wish you were still here my friend.

You were not a prayerful person but you wore your kindness on your sleeve. God will see that and reward you. Till we meet again,
Leon Virnig###imported-begin##Leon Virnig###imported-end##

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“ *If we could bring you back again,
For one more hour or day,
We'd express all our unspoken love;
We'd have countless things to say.
If we could bring you back again,
We'd say we treasured you,
And that your presence in our lives
Meant more than we ever knew.
If we could bring you back again,
To tell you what we should,
You'd know how much we miss you now,
And if we could, we would.*

I love you, brother.##imported-begin##Lynette Smith##imported-end##

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“ *Bryan "Smitty" will be missed. He was a really nice person and was always a friend to me, my family and my brother and sister. We all wished we could have done more, but he was looking for something we could not understand. May he now rest in peace.##imported-begin##Rod O'Hotto##imported-end##*

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