



# John Jerome Smith

December 10, 1927 - September 18, 2015

## JOHN SMITH

NORWAY- John “Big John” Smith age 87 of Norway, died Friday, September 18, 2015 at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, WI.

He was born on December 10, 1927 in Norway, the son of the late Henry and Gertrude (Peterson) Smith.

Big John graduated from Norway High School in 1946.

He married Shirley Paruleski on April 25, 1953 at American Martyrs Church in Kingsford.

Big John worked at the Niagara Paper Mill for 42 years.

Big John was an avid hunter/fisherman and Green Bay Packers Football Fan. He enjoyed many great rabbit hunts with his friends and family. He was a talented woodworker and loved building tables and many other things for his family.

He enjoyed his time spent at his camp, known to everyone as “The A Frame”.

Big John is survived by his wife of 62 years, Shirley; sister Muriel “Toots” Gallino; brothers-in-law Don Sherman and Lyle (Peggy) Paruleski; sister-in-law Marge Paruleski; many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law Irene and Tony Bilski; his brother Henry Smith who was killed in WWII, sister-in-law Joyce Sherman; brothers-in-law Victor Gallino and Robert Paruleski, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law John and Isabelle Paruleski, and Bud and Lu Paruleski.

Private family services will be held.



# Comments

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“ Mrs. Smith, I don't know if you would remember me or not but I was Karen Rehn and I was your neighbor when I was growing up. I always remember Mr. Smith and all the wonderful fishing and hunting stories he would tell us kids when we were little. Also, he would always let us come and see his rabbits. I was your paper girl for years. I have lots of fond memories of both you and Mr. Smith. I wanted to let you know that I am thinking and praying for you during this difficult time. I want to thank you for all the wonderful happy memories that helped shape me into the person I am today. You have my deepest sympathy. Karen (Rehn) Burkman

**Karen (Rehn) Burkman** - October 02, 2015 at 01:19 PM

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“ Deb Gallino is following this tribute.

**Deb Gallino** - September 22, 2015 at 06:17 PM

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“ Shirley,  
We are so sorry to hear of Big John's passing. Will always remember the days in the mill working with him and his warm smile any time that he saw us. He touched many lives with his kindness. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.  
Dave & Faith Peterson

**Faith Peterson** - September 20, 2015 at 08:34 AM

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“ will always remember the visit to the A Frame camp and talking of the packers of old more than of now a days games . and to a fellow paper maker R. I. P. Big John

pat rosatti

**Patrick Rosatti** - September 19, 2015 at 02:27 PM

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“ Big John could always put a smile on your face. I will miss his visits on his morning walks and his glow when he would find the polished rocks on Main Street. Big John was always good for a camp story and to lend a hand when asked. He will be truly missed.

Lori Turri

Lori Turri - September 18, 2015 at 06:47 PM