



## William G. "Bill" Smith

July 1, 1940 - June 27, 2021

William Garton Smith, age 80 of Petersburg, formerly of Tallula, passed away peacefully at home on June 27, 2021. He was born July 1, 1940 in Mt. Carmel, Illinois, the oldest child of William Truxton and Kathryn Nadine Klein Smith. He married J. June Minor in 1961 and they had 4 children. In 1987, he married Lorraine Seelbach Rice.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; four children, Vicky (Craig) Fowler, Billie (David) Hamilton, Troy (Candice) Smith and Barbie Miller (companion Kevin Heard); seven grandchildren, Phillip and Hayden Hamilton, Joshua, Justin and Colton Smith, and Clayton and Alexis Miller; two great grandchildren, Braydon and Madilyn Smith and nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Barbara Kay Kolflat; and brother, George Michael Smith.

As a young man Bill earned a living as a cook. He ran the kitchen at the old New Salem Lodge Restaurant. He later worked at Allis-Chalmers/Fiat Allis and then for the PORTA school district.

Bill's joy in life was his family, raising and riding horses. Bill was a fierce protector. Family and friends knew he was just a phone call away and always had their backs.

He was an active member of several trail riding and horsemen's associations. Over the past 50 years, Bill rode his horses in some of the most scenic areas of this country. It was well known that if Bill was at the campground, one of his delicious breakfasts would be available by 8 a.m. for family and friends to

enjoy.

Bill had been involved with the Central Illinois Saddle-Up for St. Jude fundraiser for the last 21 years. That fundraiser combined two of his favorite things, horses and helping kids.

A visitation will be held for Bill on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL. The funeral service will be on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 10:00 AM, also at the funeral home. Pastor Jim Poll will officiate. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery near Tallula, IL. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com)

Hurley Funeral home in Petersburg, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral

JUL 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
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## Burial

JUL 1 (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery - Tallula  
Tallula, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *William G. "Bill" Smith*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Karen And Jay Howard lit a candle in memory of William G. "Bill" Smith*



**Karen and Jay Howard** - June 29, 2021 at 10:53 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William G. "Bill" Smith.*



June 29, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ *Many good family memories of our cousin Bill. May the Peace of God be with him and his family. Love, Linda Ballowe, Randy Klein, David Klein and Darla Rice.*

**Linda Ballowe** - June 28, 2021 at 10:18 PM

LB

“ *Linda Ballowe lit a candle in memory of William G. "Bill" Smith*



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**Linda Ballowe** - June 28, 2021 at 10:14 PM

RK

“ *Randy Klein lit a candle in memory of William G. "Bill" Smith*



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**Randy Klein** - June 28, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William G. "Bill" Smith.*



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June 28, 2021 at 06:39 PM

JS

“ Bill & I shared a long history - our memories weren't always lined with roses, but we did share the gift of four precious children, 7 grandchildren & 2 great grandchildren & those were awesome memories! He fought a long, arduous battle with cancer before ceding the battle. Praying his last ride home to be with his Father in Heaven is a beautiful journey; and, praying that his wife, Lorraine, his children, Vicky, Billie, Troy & Barbie, his grandchildren and great grandchildren, and extended family, the beauty of God's comfort in this time of sorrow.

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**June Simmons** - June 28, 2021 at 04:34 PM

CW

“ I loved that Bill was such a great trail riding friend to my dad. Dad really needed his horse and friends after Mom passed, and I'm so thankful that I had the opportunity to get to know Bill and Lorraine on our many rides.

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**Cheryl Webber** - June 28, 2021 at 02:00 PM