



William J. Smith III

May 21, 1951 - October 27, 2022

William “Billy” J. Smith III passed away on October 27, 2022, at the age of 71.

Born in Bronx, NY, Billy moved to Stamford at a young age and graduated from Stamford High prior to attending the University of Connecticut. In October 1977, Billy joined the Stamford Fire Department and rose through the ranks to become Assistant Chief before retiring as Deputy Chief in 2013. Known for his dedication to the department and his fellow firemen, he truly enjoyed serving the city for 35 years. Along the way, Billy also had a hand in the family business working beside his brother Tom at Bill’s Refrigeration, which was founded by their father.

Known for his love of rock n’ roll, a good cheeseburger and great conversation, Billy will be remembered for his huge heart and desire to help others. After retirement, Billy shared his days with his fiancé, Michele, and visits with his grandchildren who knew him as Pop-Pop.

Preceded in death by his parents, William J. Smith Jr and Dorothy J. Smith, Billy is survived by his fiancé, Michele Beland Speer of Norwalk; his children, Grant Smith of Stamford, and Alix Sleeper (Aaron) of Limington, ME; his grandchildren Corbin, Emma, and Liam; and his siblings Thomas Smith and Michele Mira both of Stamford.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Stamford Fire Department Local 786 (203-327-6863).

Family will receive relatives and friends on Sunday, November 6th from 2pm to 6pm at Bosak Funeral Home 453 Shippan Ave, in Stamford, CT. A Prayer Service will be celebrated at 11am on Monday, November 7th at the funeral home. His interment will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in Darien, CT.

If you wish to make an online remembrance for the family online, you may sign the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Cemetery Details

Spring Grove Cemetery

41 Hecker Avenue
Darien, CT 06820

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902

Funeral Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ES

“ *My beloved Godfather, my cousin, my first crush, the big brother I never had, Billy was one of the most important men in my world.*

I am incredibly thankful to God for having given me the opportunity to have Billy in my life. He was always there for me, giving me a protective arm around my shoulder and a listening ear. He was funny and lovable and I will miss him every day for the rest of my life. Until we meet again, Rest In Peace, Cuz. I love you

Emmy

Emily Small - November 07, 2022 at 09:27 AM

MO

“ *Rest In Peace Smitty, God bless you.*

Montague - November 07, 2022 at 08:05 AM

CM

“ *I have wonderful memories of Billy being generous with his time when my son wanted to see the trucks and equipment. He was so kind and created fun memories that we still think of with the picture that has stayed on the shelf in the den over 25 years. Wishing the family comfort with the sadness and happiness with memories.*



Cate Mira-Sams - November 06, 2022 at 06:24 PM

MV

“ Michele, Tom, and all of Billy’s family,
I’m so sorry to hear about Billy’s passing. God bless him and all of
you during this difficult time.
In sympathy,
Mike Vacca

Mike Vacca - November 05, 2022 at 12:29 PM

MP

“ My sincere condolences to the Smith Family. Rest In Peace Bill. We
all will miss you. You were a good friend to all.

Michael Pelchat - November 02, 2022 at 06:09 PM



“ My dad was his captain at the Fire Dept and I remember him well.
Always so kind and always smiling. I am so very sorry for your loss.
Janet Nosenzo DeLeo

Janet Deleo - November 02, 2022 at 09:29 AM

JH

“ My condolences to the Family and to Michele..
Bill was a wonderful man.... A gentlemen above all...always made
me laugh...Rest in Peace Bill....
Jeannie Laughlin

jeannie Laughlin friend/Town Hall - November 02, 2022 at 09:21 AM

JB

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the entire Smith family. Chief Smith was a true gentleman and as a Chief he was all about his firefighters and the good of the men. He will be truly missed. Rest in Peace and Godspeed.*

Jon B

Jon Brenes - November 01, 2022 at 05:49 PM

NT

“ *Sending my heart felt condolence to you all . Chief Smith rest easy brother. god speed*

Nick T - November 01, 2022 at 11:16 AM