



Pamela and Richard Smith

May 5, 1952 - June 3, 2017

Pamela Smith, 65 and Richard Smith, 67 of Brookston passed away suddenly on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Pam was a proud tribal member of Fond du Lac Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa and her proper name was Gezhigud Ekway (Day Woman). She was a veteran of the Minnesota Army National Guard. Dick was also in the Army National Guard and was called up and served during the Vietnam War.

Pam and Dick enjoyed time with their family, relaxing on their property near Cloquet, hitting the games at the casino and taking their seasonal snow bird trips down south for the winter. Tombstone, Arizona was a very special place for them. They were also avid dog lovers, with their Scottish Terriers often being referred to as “the kids.”

Pam was preceded in death by her parents, James Woody and Leota Relopez. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, James and Edna Smith; brothers, Roger and Leo Lindelof; and sister, Laura Mistelske.

Pam is survived by her son, Charles (Tiffany) Brynteson; step-mother, Susan Woody; grandchildren, Randi, Cassie, Charley and Cecilia Brynteson; and, siblings, David Woody, Donald (Barb) Woody, Sonya (Cody) Seaboy, Penny (Stacy) Nelson, Kevin (Amy) Doyle. In addition to his son, Charles and grandchildren, Dick is survived by his siblings, Lyla (Ray) Dooley, Becky (Pat) Anderson, Sandy (Tracy) Tracy, Pete (Nancy) Smith, Bruce (Diane) Smith and Neal (Tami) Smith.

Family and friends will miss Pam’s infectious laugh and Dick’s willingness to offer his opinion about nearly everything. Their passing was a real tragedy and one that will take a long time to heal.

Memorial Service: 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2017 in the the Atkins-Northland Funeral Home, 801 14th St., Cloquet. Visitation will be one hour prior. Military honors for Dick will be accorded by the Cloquet Combined Honor Guard. Lunch and fellowship will follow in the Brookston Community Center, 8200 Belich Road, Cloquet. Private family

burial will be in Sawyer Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. To sign the guest book and offer an online tribute, see www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ It has been many many years since we have seen them, but they will always be Loved and missed dearly. My condolences to the family and to my cuz Chuck.

Angel Wings - June 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to you and your family. This is a tragic loss but the love and friendship they had for family and friends is everlasting. Our sincere sympathy to all family and friends. From Loretta and David Zacharias family.

June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Oh my sweet friends, There just are no right words to express the sorrow I feel. You will forever be in my heart, and you will be missed more than you could ever have known. My love forever, Bonnie Reeves and Paul Pfromer

June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you for sharing this, what a marvelous tribute to them. Indeed Dick was very giving. I mentioned to him that we were low on campfire wood and he brought us a pick up full of unsplit wood. Then he heard that we didn't have access to our wood splitter and he showed up with a pick up full of split wood. And his uncanny ability to detect your shenanigans...just the other day we were teasing him about not missing a beat. We accused him of sleeping with his eyes and ears open as to not miss out on anything.

June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I've loved Pam from the day we met. Her caring nature and deep love for animals drew me to her initially. And I found it odd that being married to a hunter, she only "eats meat that comes on a styrofoam plate wrapped in cling wrap". Countless days since we have shared a friendship of fun times, joy, disappointment, and support for one another.

In addition to Dick's generosity, his story telling will be greatly missed. How can you top "I went fishing on the river and caught two goats"....or the other time you went fishing and caught an ostrich?

Around ten years ago we nearly lost this couple to a terrible ATV accident. I feel truly blessed to have had this extra bit of time with them, yet somehow, it wasn't enough. At least we didn't let a moment of it go to waste.

The "kids" are doing great. You would be so proud.

June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Dick and his wife Pams passing . I knew Dick when he was in school . Times when he and my husband Dick would run in track . Always figuring who was going to run what length of the race and be the fastest . He was a happy go lucky guy . Sure he will be missed . I do remember one other thing which I thought was funny but I don't think my husband thought it was funny . Dick came over to our house and asked if he could borrow the coil off the car in the yard . I let him . What did I know . He said I'll bring it back . I don't remember if he did or not . But yrs later my husband and I would laugh about it and wondered where that old car went and where Dick was . Now they are both in heaven probably racing .

Butterfly - June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I have too many good memories of Pam and Dick to share here, having spent a lot of time in their home with Chuck during our Junior High and High School years as well as deer hunting and time spent later...Pam was always welcoming with a hug, had an infectious smile and made the best Pistachio Dessert...Dick had the uncanny ability to bust Chuck and I every time we attempted to do something out of line or cover something up. He always knew what we were up to and more than once we were mystified by it. One time, Chuck drove us into the swamp and we worked hard to get the car out and cleaned up before they got home, we cleaned it up well...we thought. Dick walked in and said, when did you go in the swamp? or something along that line...turns out we missed like a single blade of grass and that was enough... He also was one of the best and most instinctual deer hunters I have ever known or hunted with. They were the people who knew we were not always responsible and would insist on taking your keys when you arrived at their home...and then partied with you! When I was struggling at home they let me stay, when I needed a car, they helped me get one and let me pay them back, when my car broke down at the St. Paul campus of U of M, Dick came down and told AAA he was driving it, so they towed me...on our wedding day, unbeknownst to us, he showed up with our car, having installed a new exhaust that we had needed for a long time. Their home was always open to me and that helped me through some tough times. I don't know that I ever expressed how much I truly appreciated that. Although time and distance had separated us these past years, I thought of them often...they will be truly missed and fondly remembered for the rest of my days.

Chris Comstock

June 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM