



## William J. Smerkar

November 19, 1933 - August 28, 2017

William J. Smerkar, 83, of Marble, passed away Monday, August 28, 2017 at the Butler Hospital.

He was born on November 19, 1933 in Fryburg. The son of the late John and Amanda Schettler Smerkar.

Bill attended St. Michael's grade school and graduated from Shippenville High School in 1952.

He served his country in the U.S. Army as a tank driver from December 1954 till December 1956.

Bill married on July 21, 1962 to Marilyn L. Hartzell, who preceded him in death.

He was employed at Glass Containers in Knox for 20 years, until it closed in 1986, for the next 10 years he worked in the Receiving Department at the Clarion Hospital, and then delivered prescriptions for Med-Fast RX for several years.

Bill is a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion.

He enjoyed spending time outside mostly doing work in his yard and watching the Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers.

Bill is survived by his children, Rodney Smerkar and wife Wendy of O'Fallon, MO and Shelly Ruud and husband Eric of Hopewell; Two granddaughters, Kylie Ann Fitzergald and husband Ryan of Hopewell and Lauren Smerkar of O'Fallon, MO.

He is also survived by two sisters, Rita Kiser and husband Frank of

Shippenville, Doris Cherico of Clarion and many loving nieces and nephews. Bill is preceded in death by his parents, wife, brothers; Raymond and Robert Smerkar, four sisters; Thelma Thomas, Mildred Strickenburger, Betty Miller and Ruth Morocco.

Family will receive friends from 10:00 am to 11:00 am Friday, September 1, 2017 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion where Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am with the Reverend Monty Sayers preceding.

Entombment will take place at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com](http://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
720 Liberty St  
Clarion, PA 16214  
(814) 226-8433

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Becky Wolfgang lit a candle in memory of William J. Smerkar*



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**Becky Wolfgang** - September 03, 2017 at 07:21 AM

CM

“ *Cindy McCamant lit a candle in memory of William J. Smerkar*



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**Cindy McCamant** - September 02, 2017 at 04:35 PM

BJ

“ *Bonnie&Garry Jeannerat lit a candle in memory of William J. Smerkar*



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**Bonnie&Garry Jeannerat** - September 01, 2017 at 09:44 AM

BJ

*Bill has been our neighbor for as long as we've lived here. He was always very kind and caring. We will miss him*

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**Bonnie&Garry Jeannerat** - September 01, 2017 at 09:47 AM

CC

“ I was blessed to have to get to know Bill he sure was a guy who the whole time while you talk to him had he a smile on his face. and always made a smile on mine also . Bill was a very kind loving caring man . A very hard working one too , oh he was a little bull headed when anyone offer to help him ,lol. I will sure miss him dearly when I go to my daughter Ashley's. I sure will miss our talk's or just wave and see his smile. He was one of the best neighbors my daughter and her family could ever ask for . Knowing that he did not only met Jesus at the golden gate but his loving wife who he always talked about and kept so close to his heart, makes peace, We all know he is where he wanted to be for a while. Now and someday all his love ones and friends will be with both of them . God Bless his family, hugs love, Charlene & Tom Cotherman .

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**charlene cotherman** - August 31, 2017 at 10:10 PM

DK

“ Bill Smerkar was a wonderful man, my husband Jack and I had the privilege of knowing he and Marilyn and visiting them in Clarion with Rod , Wendy and Lauren.  
One of our fondest memories was waking up there one morning to the smell of Bill's special sausage and enjoying a delicious breakfast with Marilyn and Bill. Our sympathies to his wonderful family, we will miss him may he Rest In Peace.

*Diane and Jack Kaestner*

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**Diane Kaestner** - August 31, 2017 at 07:34 PM

BK

“ We extend our heartfelt condolences to my uncle Bill's family and friends. He was a great guy and godfather to our son. Through the mercy of God may he rest in peace. Amen.

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**Becky Kaye** - August 31, 2017 at 10:45 AM

JC

“ *Judy Cassidy lit a candle in memory of William J. Smerkar*



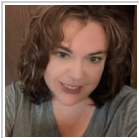
**Judy Cassidy** - August 31, 2017 at 10:05 AM

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“ *Deene Smerker (Prowell) purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of William J. Smerkar.*



**Deene Smerker (Prowell)** - August 30, 2017 at 07:36 PM



“ *Linda Bowman-Bellis lit a candle in memory of William J. Smerkar*



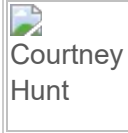
**Linda Bowman-Bellis** - August 30, 2017 at 07:27 PM

BH

“ *I grew up next door to him in Fryburg. Always had a smile on his face. My sympathy to his family. Was so glad he had a great time at my brother's birthday in March*



**Bonnie huth** - August 30, 2017 at 06:38 PM



Courtney  
Hunt

“ *Very Sorry for your loss.* ”



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**Courtney Hunt** - August 30, 2017 at 05:13 PM



“ . *purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William J. Smerkar.* ”



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. - August 30, 2017 at 02:15 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of William J. Smerkar.* ”



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August 30, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William J. Smerkar.* ”



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August 30, 2017 at 01:00 PM

SR

“ *Shelley (Seigworth) Ritzler lit a candle in memory of William J. Smerkar*



Shelley (Seigworth) Ritzler - August 30, 2017 at 09:49 AM

SR

*Bill was always so nice and sincere when we worked at the hospital together. Even after leaving there he always remembered me. My sincerest sympathy to your family.*

Shelley (Seigworth) Ritzler - August 30, 2017 at 09:51 AM

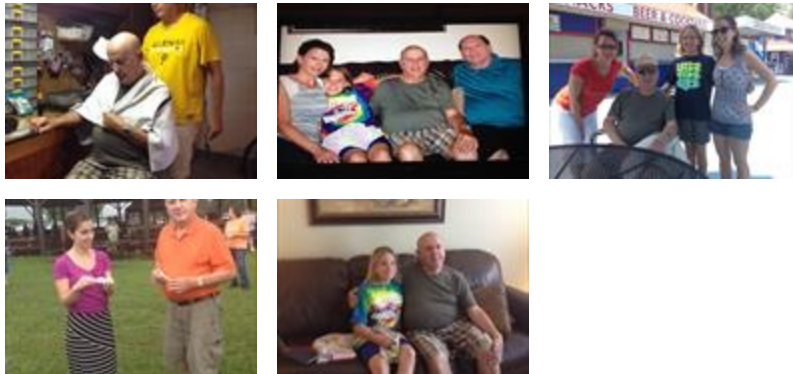
RC

*Our hearts go out to the Smerkar family. My heart sank when I heard he had passed. Worked with Bill at Knox Glass, have an old photo somewhere of him before it closed in Dec. 1986. Bill was always a good man, showed me many things about inspecting glass back in the days. Haven't seen him for some time but will miss his memories.*

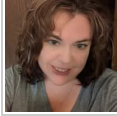
Raymond Clark - August 30, 2017 at 07:50 PM

SR

“ *7 files added to the album Our papa*



Shelly Ruud - August 30, 2017 at 07:21 AM



*Hugs and many prayers to you Shelly and Rod and your families. It was an honor to care for your father in his last hours and I'm thankful to have met your wonderful kind and caring family.*

**Linda Bowman-Bellis** - August 30, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ *Charlene Cotherman sent a virtual gift in memory of William J. Smerkar*



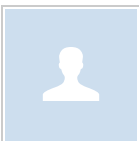
**Charlene Cotherman** - August 29, 2017 at 10:29 PM



“ *Cindy, Jazzy & Rodney Sarvey purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William J. Smerkar.*



**Cindy, Jazzy & Rodney Sarvey** - August 29, 2017 at 07:03 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William J. Smerkar.*



August 29, 2017 at 06:57 PM

CR

“ *The daily journal...I will always smile when I think of that.* ❤️

*Our pleasure to have known him and your mom.*

*With our sincere sympathy, Carol and Richard Razzano*

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**carol razzano** - August 29, 2017 at 04:02 PM

JS

“ *Shelly, Your Dad was such a sweet, kind man. I remember sitting on your porch sharing cinnamon rolls he brought from the Knox Bakery, drinking tea & talking about his cooking. He had such a warmth about him that made you feel so good.* JoAnn

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**JoAnn Shaffer** - August 29, 2017 at 03:45 PM