



Walter Smokevitch

May 6, 1925 - September 23, 2011

Walter "Uncle Dodgie" "Smokey" Smokevitch

86, of Crystal Falls, died Friday, September 23, 2011 at the Northstar Health System in Iron River, MI. He was born May 6, 1925 in Crystal Falls, son of the late George and Sophie (Bucek) Smokevitch. Walter graduated from Crystal Falls high school in 1943 and has lived in the family home his entire life. He married the former Dorothy Zyskowski on June 19, 1974 in Iron River and she preceded him in death in 1996. Walter worked as a Deputy Sheriff for the Iron County Sheriff's Department for 17 years. He also served as the Assessor at the Crystal Falls Courthouse for 13 years. Walter was very active in his church and community. He was a member of Guardian Angels Church where he served as special Eucharistic Minister, first bringing communion to the home bound and then from wing to wing for the patients at the Iron County Medical Facility. He had many cherished memories from his Eucharistic Ministry.

Walter was also a member of St. Vincent DePaul Society, Charter member of the Knights of Columbus, Michigan Sheriff's Association and AARP. Walter enjoyed gardening, feeding and taking care of the birds in his yard, hunting, fishing, rock collecting and golfing.

He is survived by two brother, Andrew Smokevitch of Fraser, MI and Joseph Smokevitch of Crystal Falls. Also by many nieces and nephews including a special niece Jeanne Brown.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Annie Lee and Mary Cesa and a brother, John Smokevitch.

Friends may call from 5:00-7:00pm Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011 at the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls. Funeral services will be held Monday, Sept. 26 at 11:00am at Guardian Angels Church. Fr. Jeffrey Kurtz will offer the Mass of the Christian burial. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery in Crystal Falls. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to St. Vincent DePaul.

Condolences to the family of Walter Smokevitch may be made online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 North Third St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Funeral Service

SEP **26.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church
412 Crystal Ave.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Smokey was a great friend of my father Silvio and we enjoyed many great times talking with Smokey. Both of you can now talk and laugh about the good old days while in heaven.*

Sandy Parochelli - The Villages, FL - November 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Special thoughts and prayers are with the Smokevitch family at this time. "Dodgie" was a classmate of mine and the Smokevitch/Makuck families were Kimball friends for many years. May fond memories sustain you during this time.*

Ruth "Bootsie" Makuck - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend - October 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Smokey was a work associate and friend for many years. When we were working on the Iron County Memorial Park he was so instrumental in assisting with his vast historical knowledge of former employees. I hope you will consider a memorial brick in his name even tho he has a brick there for his many years of dedicated service. My sincere sympathy to his family.*

Sue Passamani - Iron River, MI - Friend - September 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM