



William "Bill" J. Tomczak

August 15, 1951 - January 14, 2022

William (Bill) J. Tomczak, a long-time resident of Park Falls and Butternut died unexpectedly on January 14, 2022, at the age of 70 while visiting family in Minneapolis, MN. Bill is survived by his wife, Barbara (Barb) Tomczak (née Anderson); his children, Michelle (Mike) Nelson, Christy Tomczak and John Tomczak; his grandchildren Seth and Sydney Nelson, and Naya and Henry Tomczak; sister Jean Dragovich and brothers Bob (Nathalie), Jim (Barb), Walt (Diann), Joe (Estaire), and Don (Molly) Tomczak, his brothers-in-law Dave (Diane) Anderson Jim (Gail) Anderson step-mother-in-law Gail Anderson and numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Bill is preceded in death by his father, Jack, and his mother Clara (née Niebauer).

Bill was born on August 15, 1951, in Park Falls, the third child of Jack and Clara Tomczak. Bill attended school at St. Anthony's and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1969. Bill was in Boy Scouts and attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1968. He was the first of 11 family members to earn the rank. He was proud of the tradition he had started because you should finish what you start and if you're going to do something you should do it right.

Bill met his wife Barb in 1970 while both were attending college in Superior. During the summers of their courtship Bill would hitchhike from Park Falls to Ashland to see Barb because Jack and Clara still had a litter of boys at home

and cars were scarce. Had any of his children ever hitchhiked for a date he would have wondered out loud what was wrong with them. Bill and Barb married in 1972 and would have celebrated 50 years of marriage at the end of February.

Bill graduated with a degree in Sales and Marketing from the University of Wisconsin - Superior in 1973 and started his sales career that same year at Abex Corporation in Superior. In 1977 Bill began his long career at the Flambeau Paper Mill, like his father and his father's father. Bill found his niche at the paper mill by specializing in the sale of the pulp process byproduct commonly referred to as "liquor." The "Liquor Man" provided a wonderful life for his family and traveled the world during his career. He would remind his family of his travels with a frequent "I've been there" while watching any movie that was set anywhere. "Davenport? I have a client there." In 1997 he earned his MBA from Cardinal Stritch University.

Bill and Barb briefly lived in Butternut before moving to Park Falls where they did the bulk of their child raising. In 1991 Bill and Barb split the difference and moved their family to Schnur Lake and carved out quite the little paradise for themselves.

Bill loved snowmobiling, fishing, boating, and working with his hands. He was a fan of the Packers unless there was tree that was begging to be cut down on a Sunday afternoon. He was active in the Knights of Columbus and Lions Club in Park Falls.

From the discarded slate shingles of the paper mill office building that beautifully adorn his home to the discarded "Hometown" sign from the old Shopko that less than beautifully adorns his yard, Bill saw opportunity where others would not. Oh, the treasures he would bring back from the dump for his grandchildren! (Did you know that if you hang CDs from trees in the woods that they will look really neat when headlights reflect off of them?) Bill's retirement was spent woodworking and collecting items from online auctions that he couldn't live without. He continued to stay active with outdoor projects and was a key assistant to his wife Barb, volunteering time in the

construction of the Reading Tree at the Park Falls Library.

Bill loved his wife and his children very very much and all of the spouses and children and pets that came and went along the way. He professed his love for his family as often as a man of his generation would but he showed it by giving his time and his effort time and time again.

Bill was loved by many and will be missed greatly.

Services will be held at Birch Street Funeral Service in Park Falls on Saturday January 22, 2022 at 4:00pm. Deacon Robert Schienebeck will officiate.

A visitation will be held on Saturday at the funeral home from 3:00pm until the hour of the service.

Per the family's request, anyone who is not vaccinated, please wear a mask.
Thank you.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.
www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Birch Street Funeral Service
350 Birch Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" J. Tomczak*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Your Eighth Grade Colleagues purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" J. Tomczak.*



Your Eighth Grade Colleagues - January 21, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Tomczak.*



January 19, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ *Barb and Family, We were so very sad to learn of Bill's death. Please accept our deepest condolences and prayers. He was a good man. Loved by all. May he Rest In Peace! With sympathy, Ruth and Mike Degen*



Mike Degen - January 19, 2022 at 04:16 PM

TD

“ *The 4 D's - Dana, Donnie, Darin, Denise purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William "Bill" J. Tomczak.*



The 4 D's - Dana, Donnie, Darin, Denise - January 19, 2022 at 02:40 PM

WT

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Walt Tomczak - January 18, 2022 at 07:48 PM

LP

“ *Love, Degen's, Gaiser's and Pamperin's purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of William "Bill" J. Tomczak.*



Love, Degen's, Gaiser's and Pamperin's - January 18, 2022 at 06:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Tomczak.*



January 18, 2022 at 03:35 PM

JK

“ Even though I was only an acquaintance of Bill, I feel that I knew him through his children. As their former elementary school music teacher, I had the pleasure of working with Bill's exceptionally talented children. They all were top achievers and very comfortable about who they were. It was obvious that they came from a good home with outstanding parents. Being remembered as a good dad is one of the highest compliments that I can give him. I am sorry that his life was cut short. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Janice Kneer - January 18, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Tomczak.



January 18, 2022 at 07:55 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Tomczak.



January 17, 2022 at 07:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Tomczak.



January 17, 2022 at 01:32 PM

EV

“ Met him once and I still can remember how sweet and energetic he was. My love and thoughts are with my great friend Christy and her family.

Rest easy, Bill.

Eve - January 16, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Tomczak.



January 16, 2022 at 07:36 PM

SS

“ Funny that he enjoyed cutting down trees because when I think of him, I always think about how he helped us by transplanting a young maple that was growing behind our shed. It's now one of the gorgeous giant maples across from City Hall that many people admire. Bill will live on in many, many ways. Sending love to Barb, Michelle, Christy, John & all the grandkids.

Suzie Slota - January 16, 2022 at 06:47 PM

SM

“ So sorry Barb and family for your loss. Virtual hugs! Sharon M

Sharon Maday - January 16, 2022 at 06:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Tomczak.*



January 16, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Tomczak.*



January 16, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ *Mark and I met Bill many years ago when we were neighbors on Whitmer Ave. Bill was a wonderful neighbor. He was fun to be around, and he had a great sense of humor. His life ended too soon. Our thoughts and prayers go to the entire Tomczak family. ❤️*
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Ginny Luoma - January 16, 2022 at 05:21 PM