



Warren D. Smith

January 25, 1939 - December 20, 2023

Warren D. Smith, 84, passed away Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at Jennings Terrace in Aurora, Illinois. He was born January 25, 1939 in Aurora, Illinois.

Warren married the love of his life, Joyce Wilkening, on August 8, 1959 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. He was a lifelong resident of Aurora. He was a devoted member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. He was the past president of the Aurora Serra Club, a member of the Our Lady of Good Counsel Finance Council, and the Diocesan Finance Council. After receiving his Bachelors Degree from Aurora College, Warren earned his Masters Degree at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois.

An educator all his adult life, Warren retired in June of 2002 after forty years of service in the Rockford Diocese. He was a teacher and principal at Our Lady of Good Counsel School from 1963 - 1995; served as the Aurora Area Superintendent of Catholic Schools from 1985 - 1997; he was also the Director of Administration Services at Aurora Central Catholic High School from 1995 – 1997; served as the Canonical Administrator at Archbishop Romero School from 1990-1997; and finally served as the principal at St. Thomas the Apostle School from 1997 until his retirement in 2002.

Of all the titles Warren held, the ones that he relished most were Husband, Father, and Grandfather.

Warren is survived by his ten children, Kathleen (Carl) Prosch-Jensen, Marjorie (Frank Tirado) Smith, Virginia (Phil) Rice, Daniel (Kerry) Smith,

Christine Smith, Jennifer (George) Bognar, Andrew Smith, Elizabeth (William) Cappello, Matthew (Julie) Smith, and Carol (Joe Varney) Smith; and his fifteen grandchildren, Gina (James Gillcrist) Zanolli; Kevin, Kelly, Lindsey, and Erin Fisher; Kelsey, Liam, and Thomas Smith; Madelyn and Gabriel Bognar; Rachel Smith; Emily Smith; and Samuel, Grace, and Caleb Smith; his sister Donna Kolle; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce M. (Wilkening) Smith; his parents, Daniel F. and Hazel V. (Bergman) Smith; and a sister at birth.

Warren's family would like to thank the good people at Jennings Terrace who cared for Warren in his final weeks.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 23, 2023 at 11:30 AM from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church for mass at 12:00 PM, Fr. Timothy Mulcahey will officiate with interment to follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, December 22, 2023 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506. (630) 631-5500.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Warren's name to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Warren's family.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Morning Prayers

DEC **23**. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
620 South Fifth St.
Aurora, IL 60505

Burial

DEC **23** (CT)

Mt. Olivet Cemetery
278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Its paula doud biermann, i remember us sitting under your dads train set , us our dolls and your dad decorating the train set for whatever season . Thanks for the memories*

Dbmann57@yahoo.com - December 26, 2023 at 10:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Warren D. Smith.*



December 22, 2023 at 05:25 PM

RC

“ *Russell C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Warren D. Smith.*

Russell C. - December 22, 2023 at 01:57 PM

RS

“ Bob and I send our deepest sympathy and love to the entire Smith Clan. Your mom and dad created a great family and were a force for good in this life that will long be remembered and reverberate through time through all of you. We so loved and adored your dad and had some incredibly fun times, enjoyed your dad's amazing chef talents, shared fun fishing vacations and wonderfully deep and incredible conversations.

Your dad and Bob pulled off and helped sustain a new miracle Catholic high school in the creation of ACC on its new site along with the many other dedicated and passionate people intent on keeping the ACC school and tradition alive. That too is a legacy that transcends time, just like your dad's many other accomplishments will do too.

His was a life well lived. He loved all of you and his many grandchildren with a passion and they will always remember him and his trainset too. Bob and I regret we won't be able to attend his funeral due to our declining health issues too. We will be there in spirit and solidarity. God Bless all of you! Love and Hugs, Bob & Rosie Stewart

Robert M. Stewart - December 22, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Warren D. Smith.



December 22, 2023 at 11:33 AM

NO

“ Natalie & Patricia Oh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Warren D. Smith.

Natalie & Patricia Oh - December 22, 2023 at 11:33 AM

MO

“ Warren first hired me at ST Thomas the Apostle in Crystal lake when my youngest was only 3 ! I stayed with him (because of him)till his retirement and continued until my youngest daughter graduated and beyond! I have many fond memories of him sharing stories of HIS children as you grew ! One involving a cottage cheese explosion up into the dining room ceiling fan!prayers and hugs as you face this time of his loss! Monique

monique - December 21, 2023 at 07:58 PM

MA

“*Memories of my Dad, the best dad anyone could ever have: whisker rubs. Looking for worms predawn, fishing and dad reminding us to keep an eye on the bobbers. Seemingly endless games of Steal the Base. Coaching my softball team. His awesome green thumb and love of gardening. Pork roast or chicken cooked on the rotisserie grill in the summer. Shoveling snow. Having him around more in the summer and school vacations as he was so busy when school in session. Endlessly creative cooking ability. His earth shattering catastrophic sneeze. Always with a handkerchief. That feral black cat that ignored everyone else in the neighborhood except my dad- that cat even learned to ring the doorbell to drive him crazy. The trains-model trains and layout, real trains, train trips, train rides, and following trains in the country. His laugh. His love for my mom and patient loving taking care of her during ups and downs in her health for many years. His confidence that I would be a good driver before I even got behind the wheel MADE me a good driver. Role model on how to take care of his parents and sister. His pure joy at each new grandkid. His work ethic. Watching him bond with my husband. His extraordinary sense of humor. He passed on his love of history and reading to us all. He was so disappointed that I didn't become a teacher. But I hope he felt better when I would tell him I teach patients and families every day of my life. A Cubs game every year with a thermos of koolaid and 25 bologna sandwiches. He loved to drive and we would often go on "jiggles" (short rides) and "pajama rides" (longer rides designed to put us to sleep). Pajoobijas (his dad's name for pajamas). So many memories. I am keeping them close in the hope they will start to fill the massive hole in my heart. Say hi to Bum, Gramma and Mom for me, dad. I love you and thanks for the wonderful life you gave us all.*

Margie - December 21, 2023 at 04:25 PM

CP

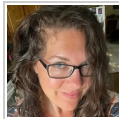
Margie, I am so sorry for your loss. Your father touched so many lives during his career. It is impossible for so many of us to think of OLGc without thinking of your Dad and your family. May his memories be eternal. Connie (Kuk) Philpot.

Connie Philpot - December 21, 2023 at 05:35 PM

VJ

What great memories to cherish. I am very sorry for your loss, Margie. I taught at OLGc a few years with your dad as my principal...he was great. Veronica (Kocher Leon)

Veronica K. Julien - December 22, 2023 at 08:35 AM



Hugs, Margie! I am soooo sorry we couldn't be there to give you real hugs. I tried scheming to get Donna there for you. She wouldn't let me get very far :(We are so sorry and hurting for your loss :(Uncle Warren is a remarkable man. I rest in the hope that we will get to rehash stories again in heaven with him!

Clara Kolle - December 22, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Warren D. Smith.*



December 21, 2023 at 03:48 PM

WS

“ Sorry to hear of my cousin Warren s passing. He was in my sister s class at West Aurora. A couple years older than me. I remember him coming over to have my mother play the piano to him playing the French horn. Quite an experience As time went on we’d run into each other at a softball field or family event along with Joyce. We had lunch a few years ago before I left the area, now in Honolulu so I can’t make it back for services, and we had fun remembering old times. He was always the same friendly genuine guy who everyone loved and admired. Will be missed by all. My love to the family. Hi Donna and kids. A great example of how a life should be lived. Except for the French horn , of course. Bill Smith.

William Smith - December 21, 2023 at 03:32 PM

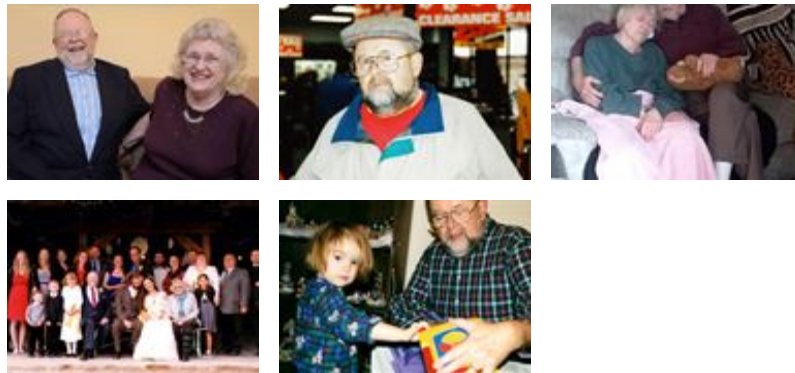
MA

Thanks Bill

Margie - December 21, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Daleiden Mortuary - December 21, 2023 at 03:26 PM

SM

“ I was so sad to hear about Warren’s passing. I taught for him at OLGC and loved the way he ran the school. I only remember his youngest kids who were delightful. May he rest in peace. I will keep his family in my prayers.

-Sharon McGovern

Sharon McGovern - December 21, 2023 at 01:40 PM

NC

I know that my daughter would want to give her condolences to all the Smith children. I know your dad and Kim are already talking over the old days. So blessings and sweet memories from Kim Snyder.

Nancy Clemetsen - December 21, 2023 at 11:36 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of your loss Virginia. You and your family will be on my heart.

Jeriel McGinness - December 20, 2023 at 03:33 PM

SM

Warren contributed so much to our parish school and church for many years. We wil miss him. My condolences to the Smith family.

Steve May - December 20, 2023 at 04:18 PM

EP

Your Father’s big soul shines, Dear Elizabeth. Feel our love now. Condolences to you & all your Family

Elaine Pfaff - December 20, 2023 at 06:47 PM

DK

There is no better friend than a brother. There is no better brother than Warren. His legacy is his wonderful family!

Donna Kolle - December 21, 2023 at 11:34 AM

MP

I have fond memories of my schooling at OLGC when Mr. Smith served as teacher and principal. He was a kind and devout man, and devoted to his family. I am so sorry to learn of his passing. My heartfelt sympathy to the Smith family.

Michael Propernick - December 21, 2023 at 04:25 PM