



William W. Stokes Jr

February 9, 1953 - January 9, 2021

William W. Stokes Jr., age 67, of Kankakee passed away Saturday, January 9, 2021 at his home, surrounded by his family. William, whose nickname was “Bud”, was born February 9, 1953 in Anna, the son of William W. Sr. & Margaret (Freeland) Stokes.

On March 27, 1976, William married Marita Kammann at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

William was raised in Rosiclare and was a 1971 graduate of Rosiclare High School. Bud also attended Southeastern Illinois College earning a degree in diesel mechanics. He had worked at Chicago Bridge and Iron for several years as a diesel mechanic. Later, Bud changed careers. He attended Kankakee Community College, earning an Associate of Science degree and became a Registered Nurse and retired from Shapiro Developmental Center in Kankakee.

William is survived by his wife, Marita Stokes of Kankakee; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Melissa & Kevin Kruse of Kankakee, Shannon Stokes of Kankakee, and Megan & Joe Doris of Bourbonnais; one son and daughter-in-law, Brandon & Kyrah Stokes; five grandchildren, Emmalyn Kruse, Jackson Kruse, Charlotte Kruse, Maxwell Stokes, and Alexandra Rieder; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Penny Conn, Candy & Bob Davis, and Janis &

Richard Reed, all of Elizabethtown, and Warren & Larry Barnerd of KY; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John & Zenny Kammann of OR; two sisters-in-law, Carol Woolard of CA and Pam Kammann of Kankakee; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many friends. William is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers-in-law, Donald Conn and James Kammann; and stepfather, Kenneth Styck.

Bud loved spending time with his family, playing pool, fishing, and spending time at their home in Cave in Rock.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, there will be no public services. A memorial service, planned by the family, will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *William W. Stokes Jr*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Marita, I am so sorry for your loss. I just found out today. My prayers to you and your family. I remember the good times working with you.*



Judy kolesar - February 01, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ *I remember when Megan was a baby and Bud was holding her and she started throwing up all over him. I was freaking out but Bud just held her saying “It’s ok baby, I got you you get all that stuff out of you. You’ll feel better.” I was in such awe of his tenderness and willingness to help Megan to feel better, not thinking about himself at all. He was such a tender hearted and caring man. I’m so glad Marita and he found each other and allowed me to babysit all four children.*

Kathy Weiss - January 20, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ *Marita and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. It was a pleasure to have known and worked with Bud. Prayers to the family.*

Michael & Rita Morris

Rita Morris - January 15, 2021 at 03:20 PM

CS

“ Prayers and hugs-worked with Bud on 603 at Shapiro. He was always willing to help his co-workers. RIP Bud. Cheryle Strother

Cheryle Strother - January 15, 2021 at 12:50 PM

TH

“ Rest In Peace, Bud.



Tracey Houde - January 14, 2021 at 06:06 PM

ED

“ Dear Morita, condolences to you and your family. Peace to Bud. You shared a lot of your good times with me concerning your family. God Bless

Eddie - January 13, 2021 at 01:43 PM

ED

“ Edie sent a virtual gift in memory of William W. Stokes Jr



Eddie - January 13, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ So sorry for your loss !! Prayers for you and your family at this difficult time 🙏🙏🙏 !!

Scott Mitchell - January 13, 2021 at 10:47 AM

PR

“ *Condolences to the family. I will forever cherish our lunch dates with bud and maryjo. Rest well. Priscilla*



priscilla - January 12, 2021 at 04:19 PM

MM

“ *MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of William W. Stokes Jr*




MR MRS - January 12, 2021 at 10:50 AM

MB

“ *Deepest condolences from my family to Bud's family*



maryjo boucher - January 11, 2021 at 09:48 PM

 Carley Ann

“ *Bud was a great man. He was friends with my Dad Ralph for as long as I have memories. They were always out doing something together; boating, fishing, hunting, driving around, going to auctions. He kept Dad going a lot of times just by being a friend. My Dad always spoke so highly of him and I greatly value the presence and impact he had on people's lives.*

Carley Ann - January 11, 2021 at 07:02 PM

JR

“ *My sympathies to Bud's family, he was a good guy! Always willing to help or to share a joke or two. He will be missed.*

Jerry Robbins - January 11, 2021 at 06:13 PM

DC

*Comfort and Prayers for all the Families
I'm so very sorry..*

Donna R.Damron, Cowsert - January 12, 2021 at 08:02 AM