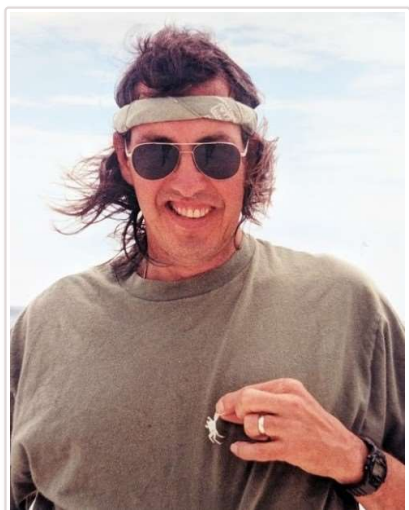


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Boyd Early "Smokey" Braden, III

February 21, 1954 ~ March 10, 2019 (age 65)



Services

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Boyd Early "Smokey" Braden, III, 65, of King George County passed away Sunday, March 10, 2019 at his home, surrounded by loved ones.

A native and lifelong resident of King George, Smokey's broad smile, easy humor, and kindness enriched the lives of those he met, befriended, cared for, and cherished. He and his wife, Shirley Perry Braden, built a life filled with good people, good times, and adventure.

Smokey graduated from King George High School in 1972 and accepted a track and field scholarship to Campbell College in Buies Creek, N.C., where he earned a B.S. in Psychology. At Campbell, Smokey's success in track was matched by his success in building enduring friendships.

Smokey had his first date with Shirley on March 5, 1977. He had bribed Shirley with a pink carnation, pistachios, and Nestle's Quik to go dancing with him. Five years later, they got married on his parents' anniversary at their historic home Litchfield. June would have marked Smokey and Shirley's 37th wedding anniversary.

Bo joined the family in 1988 and Smokey was intent on teaching him all the important lessons of life, easily passing them on by example.

Smokey embodied Southern hospitality. Wherever he lived or worked, he acted as a one-man Welcome Wagon, introducing himself and making newcomers feel at home. He extended his hand in friendship and in service. A good old boy in the best sense of the word, he not only offered warmth and conversation but hard work during hard times. He was the friend and neighbor who showed up with a toolbox, a load of wood, a leaf blower, a chainsaw, or a shovel-ready to lend a hand, literally. Smokey and Shirley hosted many gatherings over the years, inviting people from near and far, welcoming friends at the door, taking coats, pouring drinks, offering food, and inviting guests to dance.

Smokey was a King George original, who worked for the county in inspections including as building official before spending 25 years as a warehouse wizard of sorts at Birchwood Power Plant. He was also proud to be appointed to the Virginia Manufactured Housing Board by Governor Wilder and served two terms. Smokey was also a member of Oakland Baptist Church and delighted in playing in the handbell choir there for many years.

A nature lover, he and Shirley created a home nestled in the woods overlooking Lake Madison in Presidential Lakes. Smokey not only laid hardwood flooring in his own cozy, cabin home but in the homes of many members of the community. He, Shirley, and their son, Bo, spent

countless weekends camping on a piece of property they acquired in the Shenandoah Valley that fronted the Shenandoah River that they named Sycamore Shores. True to form, Smokey hosted guests there as well.

Smokey's history and family were rooted in Virginia but his interests and hobbies took him everywhere. He enjoyed photography, motorcycle trips, sailing, beekeeping, live music, and other travel-usually accompanied by Shirley. Smokey had been taught to scuba dive by his father, a Navy diver. His passion for scuba took him to Aruba, Bali, Belize, Bonaire, Curacao, Little Cayman, Los Roques, the Maldives, Tobago, and many other places. He was always bringing old friends with him and acquiring new friends along the way. His heart and his home were always open.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; son Boyd Early "Bo" Braden, IV; brother and sister-in-law Brian and Kathy Braden; sister Virginia "Ginny Kaye" Braden; mother-in-law Jeannie Perry; brother-in-law and sister-in-law James and Susan Burgess; nephews Adam Burgess (Morlee) and Andrew Braden; nieces Ashley Burgess, Mary Braden, and Morgan Braden; great nephew Jackson Burgess; aunts, an uncle, many cousins, and countless friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Boyd Early "Moose" Braden, Jr. and Elizabeth Fitzgerald Braden.

A memorial celebration of Smokey's life will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 17 at Covenant Funeral Service, Fredericksburg. Pastor Justin Williams of Hillcrest United Methodist Church will officiate. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Smokey's gentle spirit extended to the animals he nurtured and rescued. Those wishing to honor his memory may consider a donation to Collie Rescue of the Carolinas, P.O. Box 1313, Kernersville, NC 27285, <https://www.collierescue.net/> or Nancy Forrester's Secret Garden (parrot sanctuary), 518 Elizabeth Street, Key West, FL 33040, <https://www.instagram.com/keywestparrots/>.

Guest Book

Message from **BONNY BLAKLEY NEWTON**

April 4, 2019 6:09 AM

Shirley, I just heard that Smokey had passed. I was both shocked and brokenhearted and sorry I was not there at Smokey's service. David Clare told me it was a wonderful sendoff. I've known Smokey since KG school days. He and I were chosen "Friendliest" for KGHS senior class superlatives. It was Smokey's idea to climb to the top of the High School via ladder inside the cafeteria back room. and sat on the top of the building with legs hanging off. Not easy but he made everything fun and easier. And like everyone on these postings, each time I have seen him over the last 46 years he was friendly, giving a warm hug. The last time I saw him was in the last few months in Kings Rest. I now cherish that we had that last conversation. I am so very sorry. Reading all the warm memories here are such a wonderful tribute to an amazingly warm and giving man. The world would be a better place if there were more Smokey Bradens in it. Godspeed you and Bo and if you need to talk or a helping hand please reach out to me. And, please take good care of yourself as you grieve this monumental loss. "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted". May this promise be illuminated over you as God holds you closer and closer day by day. Forever friendship, Bonny Blakley Newton

Message from **Dawn Valenzuela**

March 26, 2019 3:16 PM

*Shirley and Bo,
I am so sorry to hear about Smokey. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.
Dawn 'Scotty' Valenzuela*

Message from **Don Lewis**

March 26, 2019 8:57 AM

Smokey worked for me at Peaks for many years. He was a remarkable person and any mention of Peaks immediately brings Smokey to mind. I missed the memorial service due to a technical glitch on my phone which didn't relay the message. So sorry I wasn't be there. Please know you are in our prayers and the world is a poorer place now that this wonderful person is gone.

Message from **April**

March 25, 2019 7:28 AM

My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. I hope you find comfort in the scripture at Acts 24:15. This is what our God Jehovah promises for us all. And we can look forward to what is written in Psalm 37:9-11 and 29. 🌸



A candle was lit by **Beverly Stevens** on March 19, 2019 10:41 AM

Shirley, I'm so very sorry to learn of your husband's passing. My heart goes out to you. Holding you in prayer.

Message from **Erika Eney Reno**

March 19, 2019 8:09 AM

*Shirley,
I'm sorry to hear of Smokey's passing. You have a village to support you, but always know old friends are there for you too. He was a great man.*

Message from **Lisa Edenton**

March 18, 2019 12:20 PM

So sorry for your loss Shirley. Smokey was a wonderful guy.

Message from **Donna Gillmor Black**

March 17, 2019 8:12 PM

I was so saddened to hear about the loss of Smokey. My heartfelt sympathies are with his friends and family.

Message from **Lynn Williams**

March 17, 2019 5:26 PM

One of the nicest people I ever met. So kind to everyone. Blessings on his family.

Message from **Herman Walstra**

March 17, 2019 4:27 PM

Message from **Herman Walstra**

March 17, 2019 4:42 PM

Dear Smokey, thank you for the great dives we made together in the Malediven (= 2003), Belize (= 2006) and Indonesië (=2008). You have been a very reliable dive buddy, whom always dove in accordance with the protocols.

In 2008 we had a surprise Oyster Roast at your house.

I will remember Smokey as a very special dive buddy.

Dear Shirley and Bo, I wish you all strength with living without Smokey.



A candle was lit by **Myra Stone** on March 17, 2019 2:49 PM

Message from **Myra Stone**

March 17, 2019 2:48 PM

Dearest Shirley, Mark and I are so sad to hear about Smokey ! He was definitely a gentle giant...Very easy to talk to and loved life...Even though distance kept us from seeing each other, we still thought about you and Smokey ! The Lord has a great angel in heaven now and if there is anything we can do, please let us know...Our deepest sympathy goes out to you, Bo and your entire family...God Bless, Mark & Myra Stone

Message from **Nancy Forrester**

March 17, 2019 2:44 PM

Shocked and Sadden by the news of Smokey's death. Shirley, Bo and extended family members, I and the flock in Key West send our love to you. Smokey's spirit is indelible in our hearts and souls. He was an awesome man, kind and generous and fun!

Message from **Nancy Forrester of Nancy Forrester's Secret Garden**

March 17, 2019 2:43 PM

Message from **Jimmy Cummings**

March 17, 2019 2:26 PM

Please receive my sincere condolences, Smokey and I were High School friends and track teammates. Although not in close touch after high school, all my memories of those days together are dear to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you his family at this time.

Message from **Kaye Cox-Andrews**

March 17, 2019 12:57 AM

I am very sad to hear of "Smokey's" passing. He was a fun friendly guy when we were growing up in King George as the "Oakland Quartet" kids and I remember loving his stories of ghosts at Litchfield. He was so big-hearted and cheerful. My sympathy to all the family, but especially to those I know, Brian and "Ginny Kay."

Message from **Cynthia K Miller**

March 16, 2019 2:02 PM

*Dear Shirley,
My heart goes out to you. Please accept my sincere condolences to you, your son, and the Braden family.
Cindy Miller*

Message from **Tracey Jarvis Keister**

March 16, 2019 1:38 PM

*Smokey, you were always a sweet and caring neighbor. I will always cherish the memories we had as children growing up in the "country." They are priceless. Rest in peace, precious friend.
Tracey Jarvis Keister*

Message from **Charlie Reynolds**

March 16, 2019 1:36 PM

I was a counselor with Smokey at Peaks of Otter Mountaineering Camp in the early 70s. Our staff was and will always be a Band of Brothers. I remember our early morning hikes to Sharp Top and late night snakes on the dock of the lake or in the Old Trappers Cabin. Smokey always had a grape soda. I have met few persons in my life that has the zest for life and the vibrant personality which Smokey possesses. The Peaks will always be a campfire in my heart and Smokey you will always have a seat around that campfire.

Message from **Mark Sullivan**

March 16, 2019 1:18 PM

Opportunity lost ... truly my loss. I had not seen Smokey in recent years, and kept telling myself that I really needed to drop by and rekindle that old friendship. I'm sorry, Old Friend, because I let life get too busy being busy, and missed out on some great memories.

Shirley and Bo, you do not know or remember me; I have been a builder and Realtor in this area for over 30 years. My first memory of Smokey was in the early years of my building career and that big old, friendly grin as he turned me down on a minor item regarding a home inspection. Chuckle. He was correct; I had missed a detail. Usually the Builder/Inspector relationship is contentious at best. Not for us. He once told me I was the best modular builder he inspected in King George...high praise from someone I respected. He had been shocked early-on when I told him I appreciated his inspections. "Why?" "Because you are my second set of eyes helping make my product better." We became friends...as did everyone who truly knew Smokey. Of all the inspectors and building officials I have dealt with over the last 30-plus years of building in 5 local counties, Smokey was the most efficient, effective, direct, most honest, and friendliest of the bunch. I was unhappy when/why he left the King George Building office, but he was the better man of it...all of it.

I can't deny any of or improve on the tribute here, and will simply say well done. I added the personal story to add to the type of man we knew and will miss terribly.

Shirley and Bo, my thoughts and prayers are with you for comfort and peace. We will see him again.

Message from **David Sippe**

March 16, 2019 9:53 AM

At Birchwood, Smokey was always there with a friendly smile and a helping hand. I enjoyed hearing stories of his travels and adventures. He was truly a man who lived life to the fullest. My thoughts are with the Braden family.

Message from **Cinde Little**

March 15, 2019 11:12 PM

Dear Shirley, I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. My heart goes out to you, your son and your family at this time.

Message from **Ron Bednar**

March 15, 2019 10:53 PM

I was so sad to get the words of Smokey's sudden passing. My sympathies to Shirley and son, Bo. Since then, I've been flooded with fond memories far back as 1979. Smokey and I had some fun times, both work and play. I'll always remember that smile of his, his energy and zest for life. "Little Castle", Tetotum, canoe trips, carpooling back & forth to work (epic rides into D.C.!) Wherever I lived, Smokey and Shirley would find me and visit my family. GIVING. UNSELFISH. Everyone Smokey met was embraced as a long, lost friend. We all had value to him; he could make us feel special. He had an easy way about him that disguised a lot of hard work. When he sold firewood, his face cord would always stack up higher than anyone else's. Shine on, my friend.

Message from **Ken Epperson**

March 15, 2019 5:35 PM

We met many years ago and you made work so much more fun. You were always happy and smiling. You will be missed.

Message from **Rita Truelove**

March 15, 2019 4:34 PM

Janet and I met Smokey and Shirley at a bar in Key West sometime in early 2000's! As introductions were made sitting at Kelly's we figured out we were all from Virginia!!! From that point on Janet and I enjoyed the bi-yearly extravaganzas put on by Smokey and Shirley. We danced most times till the cows came home!! Smokey's personality was always big as life, his laugh would always light up the room. Not to mention the moonshine that would always show up at the parties!!! Smokey, you will be dearly missed!!! We love you all!!! Rita Truelove/Janet Butkus!!

Message from **Connie Isaacs**

March 15, 2019 4:13 PM

When my family moved to King George County in 1966, I was 13 years old and Smokey was the first "neighborhood kid" that I met. He walked from his family's farm, which adjoined farmland behind my family's yard, and introduced himself to all of us. He was so down-to-earth in his warm welcome and genuine interest in others. He also invited us to church, leading us to the many blessings of Oakland Baptist Church. I fondly remember Smokey's generous spirit, sense of humor, enthusiasm for life, love of nature, and easy-going friendship. My heart goes out to his family.

Message from **Linda Cummins**

March 15, 2019 3:01 PM

Dear Shirley, shocked to pieces to hear of Smokey's passing, I always thought you two would come south one day for a visit. The first thing that comes to mind is Smokey's timely and generous wood deliveries when I lived around the corner from you all. So friendly, such a good man, he will be greatly missed. I will pray for you and Bo during these tough days.

Message from **George Jett**

March 15, 2019 1:19 PM

Smokey, since I retired, I haven't had the pleasure of you and I laughing and joking about lifes craziness and I miss that when I left my job. Seeing you at the plant and ard the county over the yrs was always an enjoyable meeting. Always smiling and enjoying life in whatever came ard. When occasionally visiting with yr parents beautifull home on the hill and talking with them, I was always taking in by all their witt and joy of living the country life. I quickly fd out where you got all yr traits of adventurism. The kites, the kids use to fly on that hill at yr family home is still etched in my memory. "Smokey" you were a help to many and left a great mark here on earth. Rip bro and maybe I'll see you on the staircase someday 😊 Dj

Message from **Mike and Mary Kate Long**

March 15, 2019 12:07 PM

Shirley and Bo, we are so sorry for your loss. It's been a long time, but we have fund memories of the days when we were fellow Tetotum citizens. Wishing you peace and comfort in your memories of Smokey.

Message from **Terri Gallagher**

March 15, 2019 9:53 AM

Our short chats in the neighborhood have come to an end too soon! He was always so nice to my dog Bart who needed to get the collies attention as he walked past our home. He was a very soft spoken man and the love of dogs showed through his kind demeanor. Many collies have lost out in the chance to be taken care of by such a loving, caring man! I'm am a better person to have met such a special man!!

Message from **James May**

March 15, 2019 9:17 AM

There is a great disturbance in the force. The world has lost truly an amazing man, husband, father friend. Smokey was by far the kindest person I had ever met. With his warm heart and big ole smile, he always made people feel welcome. I will greatly miss our morning conversations, get-togethers at the meeting hall and discussions about bees, diving, traveling and life. The world needs a million more Smokey's in it. We may have lost great man, but heaven has gained an incredible soul.

Rest now my friend. Until we meet again sir.

Shirley, Bo .. my heart goes out to the both of you during this time. And rest assured, there will be a special angel looking over you.

Message from **Beth Cardin**

March 14, 2019 1:27 PM

A chance meeting almost 20 years ago and friends ever since. Always a gentleman. Great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed. ♡
Love Beth Cardin

Message from **Jean Smith**

March 14, 2019 11:03 AM

I'm sure there were many collies and other dogs waiting at the gate to welcome Smokey in. He was a great friend to the collies in rescue and helped many on their way to their forever homes. A special friend has gone home.

Message from **Jean Smith**

March 14, 2019 11:02 AM

Message from **Karen and Steve Coleman**

March 13, 2019 9:38 PM

Shirley and Bo....

Smokey was a wonderful soul!!! He had a contagious smile and was always telling stories!!! We will miss him telling them. No one could tell a story like Smokey!!!! He will be missed. I bet he is having a ball with Sonny and all his other furry friends as well!!!! Keeping you all in our prayers!!!

Message from **Carla Jones**

March 13, 2019 6:26 PM

Smokey I'm so glad to have known you for nearly 25 years. You were always looking out for me at the power plant and always funny. I'm sorry I didn't get to say goodbye. You are one of the kindest, gentlest souls I've ever known. Thank you for all the good times. I will miss you my friend. My sympathies to Shirley, Bo, and the rest of your family ♡

Message from **Grady**

March 13, 2019 5:11 PM

Shocked and saddened... great guy, old friend. Condolences to Shirley, Bo and family.

Message from **Robert Timmons**

March 13, 2019 3:11 PM

Thank you Smokey for being my friend. It was so incredible to work with you for the 25 years of time we shared together at Birchwood and better that we were good friends on top of it. I loved your love of life and your excitement to live it to the fullest. I'm going to miss you brother!!

Message from **Pennie Lindsay**

March 13, 2019 2:11 PM

I am going to miss you so much. We had many years of friendship together and even met up at the Shania Twain concert in NC just to meet several years ago and spend the weekend with friends and co-workers. It was a blast and you made it more fun by being there. We had just talked about this and had laughs about it again. My love and prayers are with you, Shirley and Bo. You keep a watch on us because you are an Angel. Love to all

Message from **DREDA NEWMAN**

March 13, 2019 9:54 AM

REMEMBER ME
DON'T REMEMBER ME WITH SADNESS
DON'T REMEMBER ME WITH TEARS
REMEMBER ALL THE LAUGHTER
WE'VE SHARED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS
NOW I AM CONTENTED
THAT MY LIFE IT WAS WORTHWHILE
KNOWING THAT I PASSED ALONG THE WAY
I MADE SOMEBODY SMILE
WHEN YOU ARE WALKING DOWN THE STREET
AND YOU'VE GOT ME ON YOUR MIND
I'M WALKING IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS
ONLY A HALF A STEP BEHIND
SO PLEASE DON'T BE UNHAPPY
JUST BECAUSE I'M OUT OF SIGHT
REMEMBER THAT I'M WITH YOU
EACH MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT

BLESSING TO YOU SHIRLEY, BO AND FAMILY



A candle was lit by **Teresa Bastain** on March 13, 2019 9:33 AM

With prayers and sympathy, my thoughts and prayers are with you Shirley and family.
May God be by your side as you go through these troubled times.

Message from **Lisa Whitley**

March 13, 2019 8:37 AM

I was so shocked when I heard the news of Smokey's passing. I have such great memories of our times at the Courthouse, motorcycle rides at lunchtime, parties that he and Shirley would host, and seeing him out and about over the years. What a gentle, old soul he was. Prayers for peace and comfort for Shirley, Bo, and the rest of Smokey's family and friends. King George has lost one of it's originals. Rest well old friend.

Message from **Carolyn "Chappell" Lumpkin**

March 13, 2019 2:02 AM

I am so shocked to hear and deeply saddened about Smokey's passing...I have known Smokey since our high school days. We would run into each other occasionally around the county and no matter where it was he would always flash that great big smile of his that would light up the whole place and give me the kind of hug that made a person feel special. I will always remember our school days because he was such a happy and fun friend. Thanks for the memories friend... You will be missed..RIP



A candle was lit by **N Roan Grapes** on March 12, 2019 10:43 PM

Condolences and prayers for the family. Smokey was a dear and special friend. May he rest in peace.

Message from **Anita miller**

March 12, 2019 10:19 PM

A rare soul that loved everyone he met and everyone that met him loved him...me being one of them. Move on my friend. We all love you. Thanks for the blessing of your friendship

Message from **Kenny"Bean" and Kim White**

March 12, 2019 8:48 PM

Smokey and I first met in college over 40 years ago. He was a great, genuine guy! We had some great times together. Never knew when Shirley and him would pop up. But when they did it was great to spend sometime with them.

Kim and I are so blessed to call Smokey and Shirley our friends.

Rest In Peace Old Buddy!!

Message from **Shelley Anderson**

March 12, 2019 8:02 PM

Shirley and Bo,

Smokey was one of a kind in the very best way. Once you met him you would never forget him. He was so full of life and love and had the greatest smile. I can picture him so clearly in my mind. I am so sorry that I cannot attend the service. Love and hugs to you and peace in the days ahead.

Much love,

Shelley



A candle was lit by **Rick Linkous** on March 12, 2019 7:01 PM

Always made me feel at home had a smile when I would drop by. He was the first I talked with He was a friend most of all. We will miss the man enjoying knowing him for over the years.



A candle was lit by **Cynthia Fortune** on March 12, 2019 6:45 PM

I did not know Smokey, but I knew of him through his Son, Bo. If he is any indication of who his Father was, he was an awesome, caring, and Loving Human Being. Much Love to the Family. I am so sorry for your loss of him...

Message from **Amby Darr Taylor**

March 12, 2019 5:19 PM

I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Smokey's passing. I'm so glad I got to see him in January at my mom's Memorial service in Fredericksburg.

Smokey was a special guy to my family, especially my oldest brother. Billy.

RIP Smokey!!

Love, thoughts, and prayers!



Message from **Alan & Pam Schulte**

March 12, 2019 4:52 PM

I met Smokey in Cozumel in 2001 and we have been great friends since. We probably had 150 dives together on various trips and he was a kind and gentle soul. I will miss my great friend.



A candle was lit by **Mike, Jen, Kameron & Konnor** on March 12, 2019 4:28 PM

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. With sympathy The McKenzie Family

Message from **Terri Harrison**

March 12, 2019 3:19 PM

Shirley and Bo,

I was both shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Smokey. We worked together at Port Royal, he was the Building Official. He was a great friend and colleague. He was always laid back and smiling. He loved life and his family. He spoke often of you both. He will truly be missed. May the memories you share remain with you and bring you peace.

Message from **Theresa Dove**

March 12, 2019 2:49 PM

Dear Shirley and Bo, With prayers and sympathy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family on Smokey's passing. He was a kind and gentle soul.

Message from **Olive and Frank Carrington**

March 12, 2019 2:30 PM

Shirley and Bo,

We are so very sorry to hear about the passing of Smokey. He was a lover of life and his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.

Olive and Frank Carrington

Message from **Monica Chenault**

March 12, 2019 2:10 PM

I never had the chance to meet Smokey but my husband did and thought the world of him. He just mentioned him this week. So very sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers to all his family and friends.

Message from **Lisa and John Anderson**

March 12, 2019 1:56 PM

Smokey was a kind-hearted soul with a heart of gold who knew how to have fun and enjoy life--and heartily share his enjoyment with others. He always made people feel welcome and accepted. Lots of love and hugs to Shirley and Bo.

Message from **Chris Schreech and Omar Page**

March 12, 2019 1:43 PM

Smokey - you were an awesome, kind and gentle man. You will be missed by many people. You always had a wonderful smile and a great spirit when talking with people. My heart goes out to Shirley and Bo, he loved you both dearly.
Chris and Omar

Message from **Paula Scaramozzi**

March 12, 2019 12:57 PM

Shirley and Bo, how blessed you are to have such a wonderful man as your Smokey. He was such a wonderful, gentle spirit. Our prayers are going up for you and all of those who loved him.
Tony and Paula Scaramozzi

Message from **Robin Barnes & Jeri Beasley**

March 12, 2019 12:47 PM

RIP Smokey - you were a good friend to everyone who ever knew you. You will be missed. Love and prayers go out for you, Pearl & Bo.

Message from **miguel**

March 12, 2019 12:34 PM

I have known Smokey at Birchwood for more than 12 years. He never let anyone go through the warehouse whether they needed help or not without a kind word or a big smile. You will be missed

Message from **Kevin and Regina Eller**

March 12, 2019 12:29 PM

RIP Smokey glad I had the opportunity to know you and your family.
Kevin and Gina Eller

Message from **Robert Blanchard**

March 12, 2019 12:24 PM

Smokey, you were a very special person. I immensely enjoyed working with you. You will be missed.

Message from **Joan Farley**

March 12, 2019 10:00 AM

Smokey Braden was one of the gentlest spirits that ever walked this earth. He will be deeply missed. Sincerest condolences to Shirley and Beau at your loss. You now have a very special guardian angel watching over you.

Message from **Betsy Carver**

March 12, 2019 8:28 AM

R.I.P. Smokey! Your kindness and compassion towards others was greatly appreciated by so many during your time here with us on earth and it will truly be missed by so many people! I know you will be an amazing angel watching over Shirley and Bo until you are able to be together again one day! Rest easy my friend until we meet again! 🙏❤️



A candle was lit by **Kevin Kitterman** on March 11, 2019 9:18 PM

Message from **Kevin Kitterman**

March 11, 2019 9:17 PM

*My dear Smokey,
Thanks for being one of those kind and special people I met in life.
Rest easy friend.*

Message from **Dave Kitterman**

March 12, 2019 2:12 PM

Smokey - RIP old friend! I'll always remember your friendly spirit and joy for life!

