



William Glenn Thompson

July 11, 1951 - March 20, 2011

William (Bill) Glenn Thompson, 59, of Sault Ste. Marie passed away March 20, 2011, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital following a long illness. Bill was born to Robert Earl and Glendelon Thompson on July 11, 1951 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He resided there for the entirety of his life and graduated from Sault Area High School in 1969. On October 29, 1977, Bill married the love of his life, Darlene May Freeborn, with whom he had two children. Bill made it a point in his life to always put family first. He was a devoted husband and father. Starting in 1979, Bill began a long career working for Lake Superior State University. He retired from there in 2006 as the Grounds/Rink Manager. During his time at the university, Bill enjoyed the opportunity to work with students and counted many that he worked with to be close friends. Bill spent as much time as possible in the great outdoors. Among his favorite activities were snowmobiling, riding his four-wheeler, camping, and deer hunting. After his retirement, Bill focused much of his time on family and friends, most especially his grandson. Bill leaves behind a loving family, including his wife of 34 years, Darlene; two children: William Glenn Thompson II and Lisa (David) Shirley Hobbs; his beloved grandson, Joshua Scott Hobbs; his mother, Glendelon; his siblings: Linda Eakin, Randy Thompson, and James Thompson; and his mother-in-law, Bertha May Freeborn. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews, all of whom lovingly referred to him as "Uncle Bill." Special friends included Phil Burton, John Parker III, and Jack and Gay Crumbaugh. Bill is preceded in death by his

father, Robert Earl Thompson, sister Bobbi Newcomb, brother Robert Earl Thompson II, and father-in-law, George Lyman Freeborn. In accordance with his wishes, no memorial service will be held. He asked only that those who loved him remember him fondly.

Tribute Wall

LI

“ You were the best daddy ever.

Lisa - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Darlene.....

I am so sorry to read about your husband. It has been awhile since I have spoken to you; although we still live in the same town, we never cross paths.

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sherri Williams Buckley - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Bill was a wonderful man, would do anything for family. Will miss him with deepest sympathy for his family. sincerely marra family cousins of bill

marra family - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Bill was always good for a smile and a laugh. I always enjoyed the opportunity to work with him. Condolences to his family and friends, he will be greatly missed.

Jeanne Shibley - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ I worked for Bill at LSSU for many years, he was my supervisor. I never forgot how kind and considerate he was. We still talk about him often at work as the nicest supervisor we ever had. I will never forget him. He was a nice man.

Carol Kellis - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. Our cousin Bill was the best man at our wedding, and we will always remember him for the fun & caring man he was. We had so many great times with him that will never be forgotten.

George & Lori Marra and kids - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Uncle Bill, I don't know what to say besides, I love and miss you, and will think about you every single day!

Gwen - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ You will always be in my heart, and my heart will forever miss you. I love you Uncle Bill

Michelle - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Worked with Bill in the 80's at the Cisler Center. So sorry for your loss.

Beverly Harwood - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Just want to let you know how much I and so many others at LSSU, loved working with Bill. He is missed now even more... When he left the University there were big shoes to fill and it has been nice to see him at past retirement parties. He was one of those people you could call and always ALWAYS so helpful and kind about the way he helped. I am so so sorry about your loss... thinking of you now and always.

Kaye Batho

Kaye Batho - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I feel like I lost another piece of my heart. I take comfort in knowing my mommy is with her big brother again. I know They are there waiting for when we each can join them (in our own time) and be reunited again.

The boys and I love you all. Lots of hugs!

Tracy Morales - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM