



Kevin R. Smeltzer

June 4, 1954 - December 31, 2021

Kevin R. Smeltzer, 67, passed away on December 31, 2021 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, IL. He was born in Rockford, IL and had been a Vernon Hills resident for the past 28 years. Kevin had been a former employee of CDW in Lincolnshire, IL.

Surviving is his wife of 45 years, Lynda Smeltzer; a son, Geoffrey Smeltzer; 2 brothers, Charles Smeltzer & Gregory Smeltzer and 2 sisters, Carol Carlson-Sinnaeve & Susan Brilbeck.

Private family services will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, in Libertyville. Interment will be at Westlawn Cemetery in Chicago. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Click the link below to view live funeral footage beginning at noon:

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/1756761611>

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Funeral Service

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Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Tribute Wall



“ *Burnett-Dane Funeral Home created a Live Funeral Footage in memory of Kevin R. Smeltzer*



Burnett-Dane Funeral Home - January 05, 2022 at 12:21 PM

AM

Bob was an amazing man, we didn't work together for a long time, but he was helpful all the time and make your day better. You will be missed deeply.

Amy - January 06, 2022 at 07:59 AM

GS

*Thank you so much. He loved the people he worked with you all brightened his day.
Lynda & Geoff Smeltzer*

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 11:57 AM

SL

“ *Wow! I am incredibly sad to hear about this news. I work for the US Navy & Bob was extremely helpful & always so enjoyable to work with anytime I needed any orders pushed through. I am glad that I was able to know & work with him throughout the years.*

sydney leverett - February 24, 2022 at 05:53 PM

JB

“ *Bob was always kind and willing to help. So sad to hear of his passing and for your loss. Praying for your comfort during this hard time. With our deepest sympathy and sincerely,*
Jacqueline Biggio- Manager - Varonis US Public Sector Channel



Jacqueline Biggio - February 06, 2022 at 07:21 PM

DB

“ *Sad news.
Our hearts break with yours.*

Debbi and Doug Brooks

Debbi and Doug Brooks - January 21, 2022 at 10:21 AM

SJ

“ Bob was my brother in law but felt like a big brother to me. I knew Bob 45 years and found him a gentle, caring and kind man. He provided for my sister and nephew everything they needed. They wanted for nothing. When I first met Bob 45 years ago I pulled him aside and asked him what his intentions were with my sister. He said he loved her more than life itself. This Christmas when I came for the Smelter annual Christmas dinner I sat in his bedroom and we talked. I asked him as I did each year how he felt about my sister and his response was he loved her even more then when he met her and was the happiest man in the world. Bob and my sister showed me how good companions should be and could be. He was truly a blessed man and a true role model for everyone. I miss him so much and will miss his grin and greeting every time I visited “Hi Scotty” as we hugged. He was an empathetic man who invited me into his home for six weeks when my life partner passed away. He paid for everything so I wouldn’t have to worry or be interrupted while I morned my loss. He gave me sage advice always and spoke from the heart on all matters. He always took care of my sister and nephew. I will always be grateful to him and remember him as a great friend and brother. I will miss you terribly but know you’re out of pain and in God’s healing arms in heaven. My thoughts now turn to my sister and nephew that I love dearly. I will always be by their side as Bob would have done for me. I’ll miss you my brother and golfing buddy. 💔

Scott Joss - January 14, 2022 at 10:13 PM

JC

“ Bob was a pleasure to work with. He helped my Organization support the US NAVY around the world with hard work and quick turn arounds of products needed in support of our nation's war fighters. Thank you Bob. Fair winds and following seas.

John Calvert
Hopper Information Services Center
Office of Naval Intelligence

John Calvert - January 13, 2022 at 05:44 AM

KC

“ It was a pleasure working with Bob over the years and our organization appreciated all the support he provided. There were many projects that we would not have been able to complete without his support in getting our orders taken care of. Thank you and rest in peace.

Ken Carrington - January 12, 2022 at 10:12 PM

DA

“ Bob will be missed- i am deeply saddened for his families loss

god bless

dan - January 10, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kevin R. Smeltzer.



January 06, 2022 at 10:26 AM

JC

“ Bob was one of the most genuinely nice people I have ever known. Ever since I met him back in 2008, when I started at CDW-G, we always had great conversation. He was always willing to chat and listen no matter what he had going on. He has always been loved and respected by everyone he has known. I feel blessed to have known him and am so thankful that there was a virtual service I could attend. Rest in Peace, Bob. You are already missed, will always be loved and will never be forgotten!

Joe Carlson - January 05, 2022 at 02:27 PM

GS

*Thank you Joe. I know his time with you was just as precious.
Lynda & Geoff Smeltzer*

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 12:01 PM

KK

“ I met Bob the second day I was on the sales floor at CDWG. I was 22 and Bob was a little older ;) He was newer to CDWG too but had experience and took the time to talk with me, help me navigate the scene and grow. It's hard to imagine my work day without Bob. Whether you needed to bounce a new idea or just someone to vent to about some issue Bob would take the time to listen and care. You will be missed Bob but not forgotten.
-Kitty

Kitty Keeley - January 05, 2022 at 01:44 PM

GS

*Thank you Kitty. He loved to be of help to people. I'm sure your relationship was just as important to him.
Lynda & Geoff Smeltzer*

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 12:02 PM

KD

“ I knew him as Bob and he was a great man! I knew him for many years!! WE worked together and I visited him in Chicago @ CDWG and spent time with him at many other spots around the country for tradeshows etc.!!! We had him & his wife here in Malibu at Tradinoi and had a great time. He served his family, his country, him company and my company and many more.... He will be missed.

He embodied work ethic, character, kindness, competence and compassion. He was old school and was a dignified man and human being--they dont make them like that anymore. Good man. Very sad day....

kim devane - January 05, 2022 at 01:23 PM

GS

Kim, my parents both enjoyed their trip to see you so much. Thank you for being such kind hosts to them. My dad spoke highly of you.

Geoff

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 12:03 PM

DL

“ Tremendously saddened to hear about Bob's passing. Bob was a true role model to me starting out in my career at CDW. His kind nature and genuine personality made him an outstanding co-worker and an even better friend. Bob would always share stories and advice that I would take to heart. He always made it a point to ask how my family and I were doing when we spoke. Bob, you will be missed my friend. Rest in peace.

Dave

Dave Lane - January 05, 2022 at 01:20 PM

GS

*As much as he helped you I know your friendship helped him too.
Thank you your caring.
Lynda & Geoff Smeltzer*

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 12:04 PM

AB

“ Bob meant so much to my family and I. We have shared so many memories together. It was devastating news to hear about him passing. He was always someone I could talk to about anything. When I moved to Kansas City, Bob reached out to me as he knew not having people around in an office setting would be hard for me. Bob and I spoke daily. We shared stories and life events. We have laughed, cried, and most of all always been there for each other. He was a good man and I loved him very much. RIP.

Adam Boothe - January 05, 2022 at 12:37 PM

GS

*My dad valued his friendship with you so much Adam I hope you know that. He considered you like family. He Spoke of you Ashley and Mollie on an almost daily basis. My Mom will be calling to check in with you soon enough I'm sure.
Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being his friend Adam.
Geoff*

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 12:10 PM

JY

“ I am fortunate to have known Bob for over 20 years. We met at CDW where we worked together as a sales team. He was my inside sales counterpart and made my life so easy because of his dedication to our customers, his incredible work ethic and his lovable, charismatic personality that always made everyone he met feel at ease. He spoke often of his love for Lynda and how proud he always was of Geoff, frequently visiting him in the city during his college days. I will miss the laughs we shared, the camaraderie and the occasional prank we would play on an unsuspecting team member from time to time. Love you buddy! Rest in peace!
-Joe



Joe Yamour - January 05, 2022 at 12:29 PM

GS

Thank you Joe I'm so happy to see that picture. Can you send it to me in higher quality? Geoffrey Smeltzer @ Gmail.com
I sure do see some familiar faces in that Photo. He was 45 when he started at CDW in 1999 so I think he was a little self conscious at first. But I would say that he was absolutely young at heart and being with younger people always made him feel even more so. Thank you for your friendship with my Dad Joe as I know it meant a lot to him.
-Geoff

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 12:17 PM

PC

“ So sad to hear of Kevin's passing. I too had a "sales name" at CDW so we shared that "OG" experience not many did. Kevin was always smiling even in the face of a lost deal or when I came to work at the end of a winter cold and scared him back home at lunch because I sounded so hoarse/sick. He loved talking about his wife Lynda and son Geoff a lot and loved to share stories of them. He will be missed!! RIP

Patrick Cobb - January 05, 2022 at 12:14 PM

GS

Thank you for the kind words Patrick. He loved everyone he worked with and I love hearing how much he meant to people.

Geoff

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 12:18 PM

SS

“ Time would fly when we spoke and he'd tell stories of his sales trips or growing up in Rockford. I worked with Bob for about 13 years. It was a while before I found out his real name was Kevin. It was crazy to me because the name "Bob" really fit him well. He helped everyone he worked with, professionally and personally. Every time I had new pictures of my daughters her would look at them and tell me to appreciate every moment. A lot of people tell you that but it really stuck when Bob said it. You understood how precious his family was to him. He was a role model to me in that way. Truly saddened to hear of his passing. Deepest condolences to Linda, Geoff and everyone that had the privilege of knowing him.

Steve Schultz - January 05, 2022 at 11:56 AM

GS

Thank you for the kind words Steve. He truly loved connecting with people and I'm sure his time with you meant so much to him as well. The best way to remember him is to put into practice the best of what advice he offered. Be a good and kind person and it will all come back to you eventually even if it's not the way in which you expect.

Geoff

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 12:23 PM

MW

“ *I worked with Bob for almost the last 6 years. I sat literally 6 feet away from Bob so naturally we talked daily. He was truly an example of what it means to work hard everyday for your family. I can honestly say Bob was a role model to me professionally and personally as I started my own family since I met Bob. One of the most selfless, caring men I have ever met. He will be missed greatly by everyone who met him.*

Mike Walsh - January 05, 2022 at 11:34 AM

GS

Mike, this is so wonderful to hear. He loved being a mentor to people both professionally and personally. Taking the advice he gave you to heart and doing good in the world is the best way you can honor him. Thanks so much for the caring message.

-Geoff

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 12:25 PM

JH

“ I will always remember my lunches with Bob where he would share stories about his life "before CDW". Also, when I got married he made a point to sit me down and shared stories of his marriage and how over the years he realized how blessed he was to be loved by Lynda... and how his love for her only grew. He spoke of Geoff as his pride and joy and I know he is watching over him with his hand on his shoulder.

I am lucky to have known Bob and today I am quite sad... My love and condolences to the family.

Jeremi Hui - January 05, 2022 at 10:42 AM

GS

My Mom and I were so happy to hear from you Jeremi my dad talked about you often and I believe we did end up meeting at least once at CDW functions. He was very fond of you as well. My mom and I send our heartfelt thanks for your well wishes and for your friendship with him over the years.

Thank you, Geoff

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 12:28 PM

DG

“ *Sending my prayers and love to Bob and his family. My heartfelt condolences.....*
Words cannot express the pain I feel for his family. Since first knowing him many years ago. He has been family to me. You will always be in my heart...Love you !

Debbie Garron - January 05, 2022 at 09:12 AM

GS

Thank you Debbie. Love you so much! Thank you for being such a good friend to my mom. You mean the world to her.

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 12:29 PM

GS

“ *Miss you little brother*

Greg Smeltzer - January 04, 2022 at 10:58 PM

LS

“ *My heartfelt condolences. Bob was my go to person at CDW.. but more than that he was my friend. He will be missed by us all.*



Laura Shackleton

Laura Shackleton - January 04, 2022 at 09:20 PM

GS

*Thank you so much Laura. It warms our hearts that he will be missed by so many.
Lynda & Geoff*

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 12:30 PM

DE

“ *This is crushing news. Kevin was my cousin and a good friend through my childhood. I've enjoyed keeping up with him over the years. A good soul. Very, very sorry for your loss.*

David Enna - January 04, 2022 at 09:19 PM

GS

It really is such a tragedy. We miss him so much. Thank you for the kind words David.

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 08:35 PM

KS

“ *My heart-felt condolences to you all. Losing a family member is so very hard. Prayers, Peace and Love to you all. Karl Sonnenberg*

Karl Sonnenberg - January 04, 2022 at 08:13 PM

GS

Thank you Karl!

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 08:36 PM

MS

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I have worked with him at CDWG for the past 11 years and always knew him as a kind and gentle soul.
Sending most heartfelt condolences to his family.
May he rest in peace.*

Marianne Swann

Marianne Swann - January 04, 2022 at 05:42 PM

GS

Thank you so much Marianne.

Geoffrey Smeltzer - January 06, 2022 at 08:37 PM

TV

“ *Tiffany Vilchis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kevin R. Smeltzer.*



Tiffany Vilchis - January 04, 2022 at 03:49 PM

MT

“ *Mark, Meghan, Ashley, Dan, Luc, Em and Tyler purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kevin R. Smeltzer.*



Mark, Meghan, Ashley, Dan, Luc, Em and Tyler - January 04,
2022 at 01:53 PM