



Leonard Makolinski

August 7, 1942 - April 28, 2016

MAKOLINSKI, Leonard - April 28, 2016 of Buffalo, NY; beloved husband of Diane (nee Kiec) Makolinski; devoted father of Nicholas and Michael Makolinski; loving grandfather of Nathan, Nevaeh and Chloe; cherished brother of Suzanne (Donald) O'Neill and the late Marcia and Norman; dear brother-in-law of Barbara (David) Koonce, Michael (Susan) and Christopher Kiec; also survived by nieces, nephews and many loving family members and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday at 10AM at St. John Kanty Church. No prior visitation. Arrangements by the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME. Leonard loved any and all types of fishing and bike riding. His favorite spot was riding down to the Small Boat Harbor and back. He was an avid lover of Polish music and enjoyed going to Bison games, camping and spending time with his grandson. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the SPCA. Leave condolences and share memories at SmolarekCares.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAY 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Kanty Church
101 Swinburne Street
Buffalo, NY 14212
<https://stjohnkantychurchbuffalo.wordpress.com/>

Tribute Wall

RM

“ My Dear friend Lenny;
I first met you at Umbra in the year 2000 and I never met a man so gruff and set in his ways that had held a management position. It didn't take me long to see that tough exterior hid a heart of gold and though many people were intimidated by you I cannot recall anyone saying they did not respect you nor did anyone question your expertise at work and they all followed your lead. You always treated people with a fair shake and a kind deed. (when no one was looking) In short you changed my perception of your management philosophy. Soon after I was hired we became close associates and worked on many safety projects and issues that we tried to resolve on our own time. I began to look up to you and felt our respect for each other was becoming mutual. You were a great mentor to me and I relied on your confidence on more that one occasion which I was always grateful for. We even had some personal bonding in regards to some families issues while "off the clock". I will never forget what your attendance at my sons wake will always mean to me, so be sure to give him a big kiss for Jane and I. I am sorry we drifted away after my departure from there the past few years but you know the truth. I will miss you dearly my friend. Try and save me a good seat near by so we can catch up the next time we see each other. I love you and will miss you my friend

Rich Metcalf - May 04, 2016 at 02:33 PM

BK

“ *Makolinski Family,*

When I was a kid, I looked up to "Lenny" as a good human being... As an adult, I still looked up to him as a sharp gentleman who could bring out the best in you by just being quiet in Church...I'm saying prayers for Leonard and yr family.

Bob Koza(Eucharistic Minister-St. John Kanty

Bob Koza - May 02, 2016 at 10:09 PM

KE

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Kelly - May 02, 2016 at 05:32 PM

FP

“ *Diane,*

We are saddened and shocked to see Lenny's obit in the paper. Since we've know both of you for so many years it was a complete surprise to us. He was such a good man, able to do most anything. We were happy to see you get married . . . it seemed like just yesterday. Let the love and support of your family and friends keep you strong. Know that we'll keep both of you in our prayers.

*Blessings,
Fran & Judy Poitras*

Fran & Judy Poitras - May 02, 2016 at 01:12 PM

AK

“ Nate & family,
So sorry for the loss of your grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May your memories comfort you during this time of sorrow.

Amanda Kishbaugh and family

Amanda Kishbaugh - May 01, 2016 at 11:54 AM

DB

“ To the Makolinski Family,

We are very sorry to hear about Lenny, he will be dearly missed by all his friends from Emily's. It was a great pleasure to know him.

*Sincerely,
Del & Gloria
Bogdan*

Del Bogdan - April 30, 2016 at 11:17 AM

CR

“ Lenny, It's me " shithead".. I just want to let you know that are only a few people you meet in a lifetime outside the immediate family that make an impact on you. YOU are one of those people.. I will miss and never forget the honesty / laughter / friendship / lust for life and the willingness to drop what you were doing to help others. You are a very special man that I have been honored to know for 20+ yrs... This weekend I will don a pair of suspenders, get on a bike and ride to the nearest bar and raise a Manhattan to my FRIEND! (and I don't even drink!). Thanks for dropping by the office Wednesday to say "Hi" and make us laugh.. I just hope when you get to the pearly gate, it's painted / oiled/ neat and clean or "someone is going to hear about it" ! Your the best !!!!

craig - April 29, 2016 at 10:58 PM