



Arvin LeRoy Blessing

July 21, 1949 - October 7, 2014

Arvin LeRoy Blessing, age 65, of Murphysboro, passed away Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 3:05 pm in his home.

He was born July 21, 1949 to Aaron and Mary Alice (Lewis) Blessing in Murphysboro.

He married Raetta Reichrath on August 17, 1968 and together they shared 46 years.

Arvin proudly served his country in the United States Air Forces and retired after 20 years, 4 months and 11 days of faithful service.

He was a mechanic at various dealerships and was in retail at Advanced Auto in Carbondale. He received a bachelor of Science degree and associate degree in automotive technology from the Southern Illinois University. He received a certificate of achievement in paint and metal technician from John A. Logan. He attended the Grace United Methodist Church. He was an active member of the Christian Motorcycle Association and the Little Egypt Walk to Emmaus.

Arvin is survived by his loving wife, Raetta Blessing of Murphysboro; his mother, Mary Alice Blessing of DuQuoin; a daughter, Erin (Jamie) Day of

Denver, IL; a son, Allan (Shannon) Blessing of Murphysboro; 5 grandchildren, Michael, Ashden, Dallas, Holden and Emmalee; a step-granddaughter, Amanda; 2 great-grandchildren, David and Camden; 4 step-great-grandchildren, Madison, Jaylynn, Chase and Samantha; a brother, James (Janice) Blessing of Murphysboro; 2 sisters, Jill Blessing of Carbondale and Marjorie Blessing of Murphysboro; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Aaron Blessing and a great-grandson, Hunter Haney.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 9, 2014 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Funeral Services for Arvin LeRoy Blessing will be Friday, October 10, 2014 at 11:00 am with the Rev. In-Sook Hwang officiating. Interment will follow at the Pleasant Grove Memorial Park. Full Military Honors will be accorded.

Memorials can be made to Grace United Methodist Church and/or Hospice of Southern Illinois and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Arrangements are by the Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Arvin LeRoy Blessing*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Raetta, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your wonderful husband, Arvin. You two were very special to Pierre and me. Just know that Pierre will welcome him to heaven and they can talk about good times.*

Linda Barrette - October 09, 2014 at 11:46 AM



“ *My Uncle was an amazing man. He showed so much kindness and compassion for others around him. He had a passion for motorcyces and cars. If I had to say, he was always in the midst of many different projects. His tinkering often brought him frustration yet relaxation and kept him happy. His grandbabies were the light of his life and he attended sporting events to watch them play. He was always willing to listen to me and give wisdom and advice when i needed or wanted it. He and my dad were best friends, even if they didn't agree with each other. There wasn't a day dad didn't go see Arvin during his illness just to spend time with him. Although my Uncle Arvin isn't in our physical world any longer, He is and always will be with us. He will be watching and interacting with us on a daily basis. Arvin, for now it's your time to shine. I know you are missed by your family & friends, but we all know it's only a temporary goodbye. All of us will meet again. Love you Uncle Arvin.*

Deanna Crombar - October 09, 2014 at 06:56 AM

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“ Opie & I remember alot of things about Dad Blessing. He will be missed by a lot of people. It was always great to have him with us on 4-wheeler trips with his son-in-law Jamie. Arvin would tell Opie & I it was time to zip our lips and GO to sleep & we were old 25-30. Erin and family I know what this is like & my heart goes out to you all. Remember we are here for you mama Blessing & Erin. WE LOVE you both!!!!

Teresa Brewer James Huling - October 08, 2014 at 02:29 PM