



Edward Lee Atwood

November 17, 1964 - July 26, 2018

Edward Lee Atwood, 53, of Murphysboro, passed away at 6:12 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 2018, at his residence with his loving wife by his side.

Born November 17, 1964, in Kankakee, Illinois, to Jack Atwood and Emiliee M. (Ulrich) Atwood, Ed was the youngest of four children.

He was a U.S. Army veteran. After his time in the service, Ed was a professional cook -- carrying a passion for culinary arts throughout his life. He especially loved making and sharing old family recipes during the holidays. He spent the last several decades traveling the country as a truck driver, making many acquaintances and friends along the way.

Ed had many interests and hobbies, and will be fondly remembered for his engaging political debates, knowledge of historical trivia, love of Star Wars, Chicago sports, music, science fiction, and his Pez collection. His loved ones will miss his great sense of humor -- he always knew how to make people laugh and smile.

Edward married his best friend Michelle (Stevens) on October 10, 1999, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, she survives.

Other survivors include his wife's children Josiah Hair and his wife Michelle

Hair of Froid, Montana and Matthew Hair and his wife Danielle Gordon of Murphysboro; two grandchildren Jackson and Ellie Hair; his mother Emiliee of Anna; two brothers Scott Atwood of College Park, Maryland and Dr. Thomas Atwood of Los Lunas, New Mexico; his Uncle Kurt Ulrich and wife Sherrie, of Colorado, and his Uncle Richard Ulrich and wife Pam, of Washington state; 16 nieces and nephews; and many friends, including four furry friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and one sister Jacqueline Atwood.

Visiting hours will be from 6 to 7 p.m. with a memorial service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 1, 2018, at Pettett Funeral Home, 1418 South Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Southern Illinois.

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Lee Atwood*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Michelle and Family-I heard the news yesterday and am so very sad for your loss. Ed was such a great, fun loving guy. Always loved having him deliver to us and he loved to joke with me. He spoke of all of you often in our discussions and most of all Michelle, he worried about you after he is gone. Ed always called me "Buddy" and was just a hoot to be around. I was blessed to have met and worked with him. I will miss his calls dearly but we will all see him again. Sending my condolences to all of you.*

Sharon Buss - July 31, 2018 at 10:12 AM



“ *Please accept my condolences for the passing of your dear loved one. When someone we love dies, the heartache and grief can be great. I hope that you can be comforted knowing that God cares for you and sees your pain. (1 Peter 5:7) "He is close to the brokenhearted and He saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18) May you find comfort and relief during this grievous time, as you cherish the precious memories of Edward.*

Nathan - July 28, 2018 at 08:19 AM