



Gary "Grizz" D. Endres

November 8, 1940 - December 19, 2018

Gary "Grizz" D. Endres, 78, of Murphysboro, went to be with the Lord at 2:37 p.m. Monday, December 19, 2018, surrounded by his family at his residence.

Gary was born on November 8, 1940, in Vergennes, Illinois, to Henry Michael Endres and Geneva Mae (Holt) Endres.

Gary married Julia Poe on December 28, 1957, in Marion, Illinois. She preceded him in death on March 23rd of this year.

He is survived by three daughters JoAnn (Ralph) McKinney of Carterville, Toni (David) Endres-Deaton of Marion, and Tracy (Mark) Kelsay of Jackson, MO; four grandchildren Tyson Deaton, Chris (Vickie) McKinney, Matt (Stacey) McKinney, and Jordan (Nathan) Burriss; three great-grandchildren Bryer, Christopher, and Graeme McKinney; one brother-in-law Richard Poe of Marion; several cousins, nieces, and nephews; and many of his friends and teammates, whom he loved like family.

He was preceded in death by his parents one son-in-law David Deaton, two sisters Carolyn Falkenbury and Sharon [Sally] Sanders, and his parents-in-law Dick and Sarah (Dameron) Poe.

He was a member of the Teamsters Local #347 Union, for over forty years. He

began working for J. W. Ward/Glennon Transport, and retired from Elfrink Transportation in 1995.

From age 15, "Grizz" was well-known as a fastpitch softball pitcher. He played for several teams, though most notably with the Martin Oilers/Southern Illinois Jake's for nearly 25 seasons. In 1996, he was inducted into the Softball Hall of Fame with well over 1000 victories in his career. At that time, he was a 4-time MVP, on the Men's All-Tourney Team 11 times, and had 5 State Tournament wins (3 consecutive from 1970-72).

Gary was an avid hunter and enjoyed teaching his grandchildren love and respect for the outdoors and sportsmanship.

Mr. Endres was Catholic by faith.

His body will be cremated. A gravesite service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 26, 2018, at Murdale Gardens of Memory with Father Gary Gummersheimer officiating. The family requests memorials to be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc. For more information, please visit <http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com>.

Tribute Wall



“ Gary "Grizz" D. Endres

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“ To te Endres family I am very sorry for your loss I want to extend my sympathy to you and your family. My uncle Joe Calandro and my ex husband worked with him at Glennon. Doug Draper my ex thought a lot of him Take care of you and prayers for you.

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