



Jack Camden Sr.

March 1, 1945 - January 12, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

Jack Camden, Sr.

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Jack Camden, Sr., age 77, of Murphysboro, passed away on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 3:00 a.m. at home.

Jack was born on March 1, 1945 in Cobden, a son of Ernest C. and Lucille F. (Haddock) Camden. He married Shirley R. Goddard on September 28, 1968 and she preceded him in death on April 24, 2008 after nearly 40 years of marriage. Jack first worked for the railroad, but the last 35 years of his working career he was an over-the-road truck driver, having owned and operated Camden Trucking. He was a member of the Carbon Lake Club, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1591, Elks Lodge #572, Sons of the American Legion #127, the N.H.R.A., and D.R.A.W. (Drag Racing Association of Women). Jack loved drag racing, working on cars, shooting matches, playing pool and trucking, but especially loved spending time with his grandkids and great-grandkids.

Survivors include his children, Jack Alan (Tracie) Camden, Jr. of

Murphysboro, Kim Camden of DeSoto, Danny (Debi) Camden of Tennessee and David (Julie) Camden of Murphysboro; an honorary son, Donnie (Sherry) Ellis of Vergennes; five grandchildren, Jessica (Luke), Jennifer (Kye), Christina (Joe), Nick (Stephanie) and Tristan; nine great-grandchildren; two caregiving nieces, LaDonna Camden and Linda Camden; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Shirley Camden; and four brothers, Sonny, Roger, Eugene and Jim (Rosie).

Per Jack's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. The family will hold a memorial service at Ellis I-57 Drag Strip at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to the Drag Racing Association of Women (D.R.A.W.) by visiting www.drawfasthelp.org and clicking on the "Donate" tab. Memorials may also be directed to Hospice of Southern Illinois. Envelopes will also be available and accepted at the funeral home in care of Crain Funeral Home, 1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois 62966.

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro is assisting the family with the arrangements.


Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Camden Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I'm so sorry and sorry I didn't get to see you before you left. I'll always remember all the good times we had. Love and miss you with all my heart and it's breaking. This is not good bye only until we meet again!, RIP! xo* 

Sherry Cerutti - January 14, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ *It's hard to believe that Jack is gone. I've known Jack or about Jack for nearly 60 plus years. My favorite memory of Jack will always be his laughter, sense of humor and his kindness. He was always a presence in our family because of his friendship with my Step-Dad, Gary Easton, and my brothers, Terry, Mike and Bobby Bower. He had a huge personality and will be missed, but he will live forever in the hearts and memories of his family and friends. RIP Jack. Jim and Victoria Johnson of Benton, IL*

Victoria Johnson - January 13, 2023 at 09:50 PM



“ *A lifetime of memories from Jack and Shirley started when Dad and Dee got together. Jack and Shirley, Luke and Betty went with them to Nashville when they got married. There are no specific memories because there are so many, but mostly Jack's coy laugh and smile will always be with me. I'm thankful that Dad and Jack were such Gearheads and passed so memories, stories, cool cars through the minds of those that knew them.*

Tim Easton - January 13, 2023 at 04:21 PM

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“ Jason & Tammy Smith purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jack Camden Sr..



Jason & Tammy Smith - January 12, 2023 at 07:40 PM