



Jerry Marvin Bennett

August 5, 1961 - November 14, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Jerry Marvin Bennett

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – TAMMS

420 Front Street, Tamms, Illinois

Jerry Marvin Bennett, age 63, of Thebes, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Jerry was born August 5, 1961 to Marvin and Donna (Baugher) Bennett in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He married Lori Koch on October 8, 1999 and together have spent over 25 years together and she survives.

During his law enforcement career of 40 + years, he worked for Thebes as the Marshall, the Cairo Police Department, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, and was assigned to the Illinois Drug Task Force as an Inspector of The Illinois State Police. He was hired by the Federal Bureau of Investigations for the Drug Task Force and participated in Operation "River City Crack Out" and was sworn in as a Special Federal Officer. He then went to work for the Alexander County Sheriff's Department where he earned rank of Chief Deputy. Jerry was always quick witted with a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. He was

loyal and had a heart of gold and was a very generous person. In his spare time, he was a member of the Knights Templar. He loved and enjoyed all kinds of music and was a talented guitar player. As well, he enjoyed collecting antique pocket watches, fire trucks and guitars. He loved the Lord and enjoyed studying the Bible.

He is survived by his wife, Lori; daughters, Torie (Tim) Grogan, Amanda Bennett, Kathryn Bennett; 1 grandchild, Abigail Grogan; sisters, Toni (Bruce) Sims, Angela Jones; nephew, Brentley Sims; niece, Kassidy Jones; many cherished friends and his coworkers past and present.

Along with his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bessie Bennett Brown & Lester Brown and Clarence Baugher & Lucille (McHughs) Baugher.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms with Rev. Bob Richardson officiating. Visitation will be Monday, November 18, 2024 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM and on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 from 10:00 AM until the time of service at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms.

Interment will follow the funeral service at Rose Hill Cemetery in Thebes.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Memorial contribution envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Thebes, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms
420 Front St.
Tamms, IL 62988
(618) 833-2176
crain@crainsonline.com

Visitation

NOV 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms
420 Front St.
Tamms, IL 62988
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Funeral Service

NOV 19. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

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Interment

NOV 19. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (cst)

Rose Hill Cemetery
Thebes, IL

Tribute Wall



“ I only knew Jerry briefly through the Alexander County Sheriff's Office. He was quick-witted and a kind soul. "As someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure". He will be dearly missed. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

Sarah Madden - November 20, 2024 at 11:00 PM

“ What a sad loss the world has endured, but Heaven gained a funny soul. “ Berry” as I called him,.. brought a lot of laughter and smiles into the world. I'm sure he caused a few tears as well, but either way He was just a great person. The world is a little less humorous now, but I'm sure the laughter carries on in Heaven, Don't be sad for him, he's home. Rejoice in the memories you had with him. Toni, he couldn't have had a better sister!!!!

Anna Johnson - November 18, 2024 at 05:50 PM

“ Jerry was a good friend growing up. I have many memories of him as my parents and his grandparents played cards together every weekend. Jerry and I would meet there and then take to Teen Town or just go walking. We played music together with his cousin Terry or Terry McKee . Fine memories. Prayers for ALL of his family.

Beverly Snell Northcutt - November 16, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Marvin Bennett.*



November 15, 2024 at 07:20 PM



“ *I will cherish memories of our childhood and beyond. There's nothing like growing up with bunches of cousins.
Love and prayers*

Wendy Thomas - November 15, 2024 at 06:18 PM