



John Edward Williams

January 11, 1948 - April 8, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

John Edward Williams

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

John E. Williams, age 75 of Grand Tower, passed away Saturday, April 8, 2023 at Landmark Hospital Surrounded by family.

He was born on January 11, 1948 to Charles and Ruby (Byran) Williams in Chester, Illinois. He met and fell in love with Darlene Reed and were married on October 19, 1970. She survives.

John served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War for three years and received a Combat Infantry Badge. Other than his wife, John's other love was being a River Boat Captain and working on the tow boats, which lasted 42 years. He enjoyed collecting old money, fishing, riding the levees, and watching westerns and game shows with his wife. John was also an avid Cubs fan. He was always willing to lend a helping hand when he was here and when he was not here.

Along with his wife, survivors include his daughters Melinda (Wayne) Bridges, Samantha Williams, Joyce Williams, Kayle (Rusty) Huffman, Elizabeth

(Orville) Hobbs, and Darlene Rushing, sons, John (Alissa) Williams and Charles Williams, eighteen grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren and counting, sister, Mary Henson, brother, Jim (Patty) Williams, brothers-in-law, William Chapman, Ronald (Gina) Reed, Danny (Martha) Reed, Mike Reed, sisters-in-law, Brenda Williams, Nancy Williams, Juanita Reed, Donna Norton, and Brenda Gale, and several nieces, nephews, and other family and friends. John always said, "It's tough come Christmas time around here."

Besides his parents, John was preceded in death by his brothers, Jack Williams, Joe Williams, Danny Williams, and Charles Williams, sister, Sandy Chapman, brothers-in-law, Tom Gale, Terry Reed, Bruce Reed, and John Norton, Sisters-in-law, Linda Reed, Tressa Williams, and Mandy Williams. Graveside Service for John Williams will be held Friday, May 19, 2023 at 12:00 PM at Walker Hill Cemetery in Grand Tower, Illinois with Rev. Kenny Verble officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Walker Hill Cemetery

Grand Tower, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY **19**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Walker Hill Cemetery
Grand Tower, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *John Edward Williams*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Darlene sorry for your loss, sending hugs an prayers. Sandy (Taylor) Sherman*

Sandra Sherman - April 13, 2023 at 10:24 AM



Darlene and family love you all so much sorry to hear about John friends forever and always. God bless ya beautiful lady:(

Debbie Davis - April 16, 2023 at 01:54 PM