



## Joseph Dunn

July 4, 2008

Joseph Dunn, age 55, of Chatham and formerly of Murphysboro, died on Friday, July 4, 2008, at the Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois.

He was born on March 27, 1953 to Ernest Benjamin Dunn and Johanna (Mifflin) Dunn.

Joe graduated from Newman High School in 1971. At Eastern Illinois University, he was the Student Senate Speaker and he graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1975 in Political Science. He acted as the Downstate Director for Senator Paul Simon.

He currently was the Director for the Illinois Coalition for Community Services (ICCS). He worked tirelessly to better the lives of people living in poverty by changing public policy and providing creative community solutions.

Mr. Dunn was active in his church, First Church of the Brethren, where he served as the Church Board Chairman and lead adult Sunday School. Joe loved his hosta garden; his yard is described as a tranquil haven.

Joe married Tempa Aldridge on April 30, 1977, and she survives.

Other survivors include two daughters Abby Dunn and her companion Ryan

Oberholtzer and Katie Dunn all of Chatham.

He was an amazing grandfather to Norah Grace and Rowan Oberholtzer, who brought him much joy.

Also surviving are his father, Ben Dunn of Carbondale; his grandmother Thelma Mifflin of Jacob;

one brother and sister in law Tom and Elaine Dunn of Cobden:

his father-in-law Tom Aldridge of Wolf Lake;

one sister-in-law Lucretia Stoelzle of Carbondale; one niece Lauren Stoelzle of Carbondale, and two nephews and their wives, Aaron and Michelle Dunn and Kyle and Stacey Dunn.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Dunn*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Dear Tempa*

*My prayers and hopes are with you and your family. I can not even imagine what you have been through and I am so sorry.*

*Joe was a great guy and a wonderful father, even more he was a great husband; as you said he was your rock.*

*May the Lord be ever present for you to lean on in the coming days.*

*You have precious memories of a fantastic man in your life.*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you. Take care.*

*Love*

*susan burke*

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**susan burke** - July 10, 2008 at 11:41 AM



“ *Tempa, Katie, & Abby, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Joe was such a special person. On occasion, I would see Joe at various restaurants in S. Illinois while he was visiting with his dad. I am very blessed to have known Joe and your family. I will be praying for each of you. God Bless, Tena*

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**Tena Steinacher** - July 08, 2008 at 10:49 AM