



Mark A. Smothers

February 3, 1956 - April 12, 2017

Mark A. Smothers, 61, of Herrin, formerly of Benton died at 5:15AM Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at the VA Medical Center in Marion.

He was born February 3, 1956 in Benton, IL, the son of Joe and Phyllis (Smothers) McPherson.

Mark proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was awarded as an expert with an M-16 rifle, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Parachute Badge.

He worked at John A. Logan College as a substitute teacher, the VA in Marion as a janitor and as a substitute teacher in the Williamson County School Systems.

Mark was a philosopher and loved political science. He obtained his Master's degree in Philosophy as well as a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. Mark was also a counselor through AA.

Mark will be missed by many. He was a good friend to many people.

He is survived by his Mother, Phyllis McPherson of Carterville; Sister, Kimberly (Bruce) Hickam of Cambria and Gayla (Steve) Peavey of West

Frankfort; Brother, Richard (Janet) McPherson of Remington, VA; Nieces, Marci (Kyle)Hickam and their son Maxwell of San Diego, CA, Amanda Hickam of Johnston City, Toni (Bobby) Terry of Murfreesboro, TN, Samantha (Andreas) Denmark of Pratteville, AL and Chloe Peavey of West Frankfort; Nephew, Richard McPherson and his son Logan of Herrin; Aunt, Dorothy Siddens of Cape Girardeau, MO; Cousins, Lisa Siddens of Cape Girardeau, MO and Stanley Wicks of Cape Girardeau, MO; Many other relatives and many friends.

Mark was preceded in death by his Step-Father, Joe McPherson; Maternal Grandparents, John and Ethel Smothers; Paternal Grandparents, Frank and Ruth McPherson.

Funeral Service for Mark A. Smothers will be Friday, April 14, 2017 at 3:30PM at Crain Funeral Home Egyptian Chapel in Energy, IL with Father Ken Schaefer officiating. Interment will follow at Egyptian Memorial Gardens with military honors conducted by Herrin VFW Post#1567, American Legion and Illinois Honor Guard. Visitation will take place from 2:30PM until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Institute in Carterville, IL and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark A. Smothers*

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