



# Michael Eugene Easterly

August 29, 1950 - January 10, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Michael Eugene Easterly

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Michael Eugene Easterly, 73 of Gorham, Illinois, passed away Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at Herrin Hospital.

He was born August 29, 1950 in Gorham to Gilbert L. and Dorothy Dean Easterly.

Michael and Jeannie Earline Riggs were married January 15, 1973. She preceded him in death July 13, 2002.

He worked for the Illinois Department of Corrections for 32 years. He served in the U.S. Army, was a member of the VFW post 7190 men's Auxiliary and American Legion Post 127 in Murphysboro. Michael was an avid gardener and always loved sharing what he had grown with his fellow post members and friends.

He is survived by his life partner, Robin Cherim of Marion; three children, Jennifer Williams of Mt. Vernon, Michael E. Easterly, Jr. of Jacksonville, Florida and Aaron Easterly of Carbondale; grandchildren, Seth Noble Brown, Elizabeth Danielle Easterly, Olivia Williams and Madyson Wilver; brothers, Allen Dean of Marion and Raoul Schlindwein of Metz France; Sister, Sharon Jennings of Murphysboro.

Visitation will be Tuesday, January 16, 2024 from 9:30 to 10:30 at Crain Funeral Home- Murphysboro.

Graveside service will be Tuesday at 11:30 at Walker Hill Cemetery with Bob Jennings officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations in memory of Michael to be directed to the Murphysboro Food Pantry, 906 N. 14th St., Murphysboro, IL 62966.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Downtown Murphysboro  
1421 Walnut St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-2131

## Graveside Service

JAN 16. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Walker Hill Cemetery  
Grand Tower, IL

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ Sure gonna miss our trips to Chester and our drs appointments miss ya gardening tomato cucumbers ect , miss u buddy cya on the flipside



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**JOE A DZEIMA** - January 16, 2024 at 01:42 AM

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“ To the family and Robin you all have my deepest sympathy and pray the God will comfort each one of you. I enjoyed working with Major Easterly. I learned alot from him and we became very good friends. He always made sure that everyone was safe and treated everyone fair. Continue to stay encourage and hold onto God unchanging hand. Julius Flagg

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**Julius Flagg** - January 13, 2024 at 08:18 AM