



Raleigh Jefferson "RJ" Penrod

September 10, 1943 - October 27, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:

RALEIGH JEFFERSON "RJ" PENROD

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

Raleigh Jefferson "RJ" Penrod, age 79, of Murphysboro, passed away at 1:58 AM on Thursday, October 27, 2022 in The Anchor of the Voyage Senior Living in Marion.

He was born on September 10, 1943 in Murphysboro, IL to Estes and Ada (Sims) Penrod. He married Vicki Miller on July 12, 1965 in Murphysboro. She survives.

RJ loved his wife, family, cheeseburgers, and animals. He was a kind and gentle man with a great sense of humor. All who knew him will miss him greatly.

He is survived by his Wife, Vicki Penrod of Murphysboro, IL; sisters-Shirley Allen of Cahokia, IL and Esther Barr of El Dorado, AR; nieces: Cindy Van

Meter and Beth Ann Sefzik, nephews: Anthony Van Meter, James Barr, and Jason Barr.

He was preceded in death by his Parents: Estes and Ada, Sister: Judith and brother: Richard.

Per RJ's wishes, he will be cremated. No services are being planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Southern Illinois in RJ's honor and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Raleigh Jefferson "RJ" Penrod*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *We were neighbors with RJ and Vicki years ago, he always had a smile for everyone.*

Gary and Brenda Rebman - December 26, 2022 at 03:13 PM

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“ R.J. was always fun to be around at family get-togethers. I have many memories of him at the annual Fourth of July events my parents would hold at their home for all the Penrods and relatives and friends who wanted to come and visit and eat my dad's barbecue pork and such a great variety of food. Jay-as many would call him-certainly loved the desserts that were always bountiful. As did we all! I think he loved Vicki's (his wife) Mississippi Mud dessert especially. She always made it. And, along with R.J., we all loved it, too.

R.J. was not a stranger to the "Penrod-sense-of-humor". A little zinger of a comment or a quirky observation about someone. And his chuckle-laugh was one of a kind.

R.J. also liked to remark on great deals he would find at yard sales or estate sales. He seemed to find a better deal than any of us could.

Later on in my life I worked for local news media. The times were almost countless regarding how often a law enforcement worker or emergency management-type person would be asked if I was related to R.J. When I told them I was his cousin, they would always say, "that R.J. is a good guy. He really helps us out". Because for a long time R.J. had been involved in civil defense (old term) and emergency management as a volunteer. R.J. took pride in doing that stuff.

Farewell R.J. Penrod May you rest in peace. May God comfort your family.

-Kevin Penrod

Kevin - November 04, 2022 at 03:42 PM

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“ *RJ, I will miss you. I will miss laughing at your humorous interpretations of people and situations. Plus your way of looking at the world. I hope you know how much you are loved. Love Always, Cindy*

Cindy Van Meter - November 01, 2022 at 02:52 PM