



Ralph Kevin Dawson

November 20, 1954 - March 2, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Ralph Kevin Dawson

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Ralph Kevin Dawson, 69, of Bloomington, formerly of Gorham, passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at St. Joseph Hospital in Bloomington.

Ralph was born on November 20, 1954 in Little Rock, Arkansas to Clarence and Mildred (Casey) Dawson. He married Christy Smith on May 17, 1974 and she survives.

Kevin had a unique and unfiltered voice, always speaking his mind. He enjoyed fast cars and did his share of mechanic work thru the years. Kevin wouldn't hesitate to lend a helping hand and often joked that if you were struggling to get an otherwise easy task done you just weren't holding your mouth right. Always entertaining, Kevin's stories would include a wide range of topics from history, crazy road trips, how his dog scared off a serial killer, his insistence that "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes" was the greatest movie ever

made and oftentimes shared his philosophy on life. He was a much loved husband, father, family member and dear friend.

Survivors include his wife Christy; daughter, Brandy Dawson; and son, Michael (Lacey) Dawson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister; brother; and half-brother.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 12:00 PM at Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro with Rev. Jim Easton officiating. Burial will follow at Goodbread Cemetery in Gorham.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 11:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the funeral home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Vic and James planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Kevin Dawson.

Vic and James - March 05, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Kevin Dawson.



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