



Robert "Bob" Shepard II

June 6, 1944 - August 17, 2024

Robert "Bob" Shepard II, 80, of Metamora, peacefully passed away on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at his home. He was born in Evanston on June 6, 1944, to Robert and Pauline (Hefner) Shepard. He married Marilyn (Bessler) Sales in East Peoria on August 20, 1993; she survives.

He is also survived by his children, Robert M. "Robb" Shepard III of Noblesville, IN, Randy (Sherri) Shepard of Camargo, Nathan (Tina Kaniasty) Sales of Waterford, WI, Nicholas "Nick" (Jena) Sales of Brevard, NC, and Sarah (Kirk) Lashley of Evanston; his sister, Madge (Greg) White of Peoria; and his 4 grandchildren, Seth, Trent and Ivy Sales and Trinity Lashley.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Barbara Nicholson. Bob proudly served in the Navy during the Vietnam War, then worked as a laborer at Caterpillar, retiring in 2000.

Bob was an active member of Metamora Mennonite Church and volunteered with the Mennonite Disaster Service. The 12 Steps were a foundation of his life. He was dedicated to his local community in many ways, serving as Chairman at Old Settler's Day, volunteering at Open Arms Food Pantry, Easter Seals, and the Izaak Walton League, delivering meals for Maple Lawn in Eureka, and driving for the American Cancer Society, but will be most remembered as a master storyteller.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, August 30, 2024, at Metamora Mennonite Church. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 31, 2024, with an additional hour of visitation beginning

at 10:00 a.m., at the church. Ministers of the church will officiate. Private burial will be at Hickory Point Cemetery in Metamora.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Open Arms Food Pantry or OSF Hospice. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Point Cemetery

Metamora, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Metamora Mennonite Church
1393 Mennonite Rd
Metamora, IL 61548

Memorial Visitation

AUG **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

AUG **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



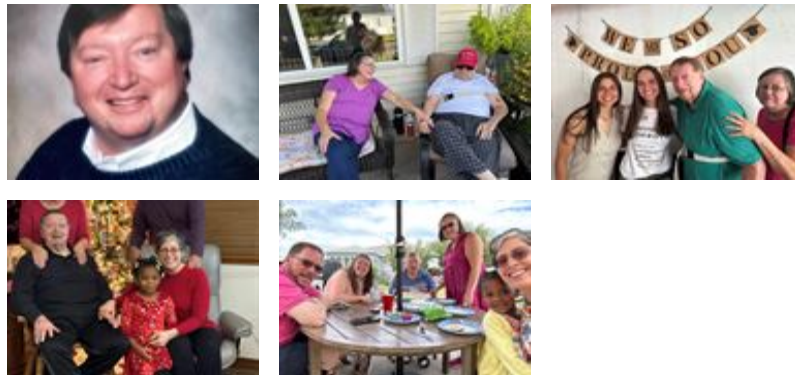
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“ My condolences to Randy and Rob. I am glad both of you are in my life from a little girl and connecting as adults. May the memories of your dad last a lifetime. Much love.

Stephanie Bridgeman - August 21, 2024 at 10:23 PM

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*TO MY DEAR FRIEND ROBERT MAY YOU REST IN PEACE. WHEN
YOU MARRIED MW COUSIN YOU CAME TO BE MY FAMILY. LOVE
TO YOU IN HEAVEN
MY LOVE TO YOU.
DANIEL BESSLER*

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