



Terry R. Berkley

October 30, 1944 - May 16, 2024

Terry R. Berkley, 79, of Marquette Heights, passed away, surrounded by family, after a long battle with cancer and Alzheimer's disease, on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at Washington Senior Living. He was born on October 30, 1944, in Murray, KY, to Terry E. and Belva "Tine" (Dixon) Berkley. He married his wife of 56 years, Starla Railey, on March 23, 1968, in Pekin; she survives. Also surviving are his daughter, Brandy Berkley of Marquette Heights; his grandchildren, Hayley Ray Berkley, Amanda, Caissie, and Renee; his 5 great grandchildren, Asa, Marra, Parker, Ezra, and Maisie; his daughter-in-law, Teresa; 2 sisters, Linda (John) Read of East Peoria and his twin sister, Christy Clark of TN; his in-laws, John (Diane) Railey, Ed (Sue) Railey, Nancy Railey, Becky Railey, Randy Railey, and Teri Pratt, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Terry Joe; brother, Doug (Judy) Berkley; hmother-in-law, Norma, father-in-law, Gordon, and his brothers-in-law, Gene Clark, Chuck Pratt, Jack Railey, and Jay Railey.

Terry graduated from EPCHS, then enlisted in the Navy. He served in Vietnam from 1963-1967. For over 30 years, he was a member of the UAW and worked at the Mapleton Foundry, retiring in 1999.

He enjoyed motorcycles and Nascar.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria is assisting the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project or TAPS.

Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Starla, I am so very sad and sorry for your loss. He is now with Terry Joe. I have ONLY good memories of your husband and your son. I send my deepest condolences to you and your family. HUGS (Terry's teacher from Marquette Grade)*

Jim Burdette - May 18, 2024 at 10:45 PM

TR

“ *I always liked to see him when he would get to laughing!
When I was real young I was scared of him!
He was kinda quiet and had a stern look.
I got over it! Lol
Prayers for Brandy and Aunt Starla.*

Tim Railey - May 17, 2024 at 11:21 PM

BR

Terry was a quiet man but had a special smile and laugh . He was Jays best man at our wedding . A part of my life since I was 15 years old . Time goes by so very very fast . He will always be missed . My prayers go out to Jody and Brandy . God bless you both .

Becky Railey - May 18, 2024 at 08:33 AM