



## Troy Lee Franklin

March 26, 1966 - April 1, 2022

Troy Lee Franklin, 56, of East Peoria, passed away on April 1, 2022, at his mother's home. He was born in Peoria on March 26, 1966, to Kenneth and Virginia (Bowman) Franklin. He married Michele Grotz, the love of his life, at Groveland Chapel on June 3, 2005. Their relationship was admired by many. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Virginia Franklin of East Peoria; his son, Trevor Franklin of Creve Coeur; Tori Anderson of Pekin, whom he treated as his own daughter; McKenlee, Kyson, & Catalina, whom he loved as his own grandchildren; Becca Vance of Creve Coeur, whom he thought of as a daughter; and Robert Thatcher of Creve Coeur, who was like a brother to him. He also leaves behind his beloved cat, Gabby, who worshiped her daddy. He was preceded in death by his father; his brother, Bryan; and his mother-in-law who loved him like a son, Donna Grotz.

Troy was a warehouse manager at Cope Plastics in East Peoria for 35 years. He enjoyed camping, fishing, & hunting, and loved his Bud Light and Crow's fish. Troy was a one-in-a-million husband, father, pa and son who loved his friends like family.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Transitions Care, especially Laura M., for their care and comfort during this difficult time. Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services of East Peoria is assisting the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Midwest Affiliate or Hooked On Fishing. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Troy Lee Franklin

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ I will always remember our group trip to the Garden of the Gods. Troy was such a gentle and kind man that always had a beer in his and a smile on his face ❤️🍺 RIH dear friend



Barbie Jones - April 04, 2022 at 10:24 PM



“ Troy will be missed greatly! He was a wonderful man and friend ❤️

Angie Tramel - April 04, 2022 at 06:27 PM



“ Ginnie, I am sending you my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. I am truly sorry for the loss of your son, Troy. I remember your boys when they were little. He sure looks like the Franklin guys.

Pat Markum - April 04, 2022 at 04:41 PM



Dear Ginny, Gene & I send our thoughts & prayers to you hoping it will help to know your friends are thinking of you. Your boys have always had a special place in my heart from the time I babysat them til the day they died. I'm sure Kenny & the boys are fishing & having a memorable time in heaven. We love you & pray God gives you strength & comfort at this very sad time. Much Love Gene & Sheri Davis

Sheri Davis - April 04, 2022 at 05:01 PM

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*Dear Ginny, We are so sorry that you have to say good-bye to your precious son, Troy, at this young age. He is in good hands; he is in God's hand! We are praying for comfort and peace for you. Barb and Earl Gum*

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**Barbara Gum** - April 06, 2022 at 03:07 PM

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*So many great memories of Troy. Back in the day, you could not drive around Creve Coeur without seeing Troy in his truck driving around. So sorry for your loss.*

*Paula (Urban) Schmidgall*

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**Paula Schmidgall** - April 06, 2022 at 05:11 PM