



## Dennis Arbuckle

June 17, 1955 - September 24, 2024

Peru - Dennis Wayne Arbuckle, affectionately known as "Jughead," passed away on September 24, 2024, in East Peoria, at the age of 69. Dennis was born on June 17, 1955, to the late Eugene Wayne and Viola Pearl (Bugiyne) Arbuckle.

On April 29, 1979, Dennis married Kathleen Kokke in LaSalle, IL, and together they shared 45 years of love and companionship. Dennis spent much of his working life as a custodian for various companies, earning respect for his hard work and dedication.

Dennis was a proud member of the Princeton Hog Chapter, where he formed lasting friendships and enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow motorcycle enthusiasts. He found great joy in camping and hosting cookouts with his family and friends. Few things brought him more peace than a relaxing ride on his motorcycle, where he could unwind and connect with the open road.

He will be deeply missed by his wife, Kathleen Arbuckle of Peru, IL; two daughters Denise (Mike Shaw) Gromm of Peru, IL and Kristin (Jason) Schwarts of Oglesby, IL; one son Jeremy (Nicole) Arbuckle of LaSalle, IL; brother Kenneth (Susan) Arbuckle of Princeton; 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Preceded by his parents, Eugene Arbuckle and Viola Arbuckle, brother

Rodney Arbuckle, sister Shirley Walters, as well as his grandparents and many aunts and uncles.

A visitation will be held on Monday, September 30, 2024 at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments at 5:00 p.m.

Services to follow at 6:00 p.m. at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments, officiated by Pastor Michael Hickok. The family will be holding a private burial at a later date.

Online condolences may be directed to [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 30. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.  
701 E. Thompson Street  
Princeton, IL 61356

## Funeral Service

SEP 30. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RG

“ I remember Dennis and Kathy from their time at Illinois Valley Community College. I had some wonderful conversations with them as they were ending their night shift, and I was starting my day. Dennis was someone I admired for the work he did and the wonderful person he was. My sincere condolences to Kathy and the family. Rest in peace, Dennis.

*Ron Groleau - Dean of Natural Sciences and Business*

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**Ron Groleau** - October 07, 2024 at 12:22 PM

RG

“ Ron Groleau lit a candle in memory of Dennis Arbuckle



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**Ron Groleau** - October 07, 2024 at 12:17 PM

LA

“ Lori A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Arbuckle.

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**Lori A.** - September 29, 2024 at 01:15 PM

RA

“ Ric and Mary Arbuckle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Arbuckle.

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**Ric and Mary Arbuckle** - September 29, 2024 at 10:08 AM

RA

“ Ric and Mary Arbuckle purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dennis Arbuckle.



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**Ric and Mary Arbuckle** - September 29, 2024 at 10:08 AM

RI

“ Rest easy uncle Jug. I always had an enormous amount of respect and admiration for you. I remember when I was young I challenged you to a race up the hill by your house thinking there's no way you could beat me... and you blew me away. When i was little 4th of July at your house was always the best night. You were a great guy  
Richie

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**Richie** - September 28, 2024 at 08:21 PM

JM

“ Jesse & Aurora Martinez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennis Arbuckle.



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**Jesse & Aurora Martinez** - September 28, 2024 at 09:28 AM

NA

“ 4 years ago I reunited with your son. After years and we became a family and from day 1 you treated my kids like they were no different then your blood family. You treated us all like we had been there from the start. You were there at every single doctor appointment for the twins with throughout the whole pregnancy and every one after. Showing me the amazing love you had for your grandchildren and family. I definitely couldn't have asked for a better father in law. And for that you will forever and always be my Gus Gus

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**Nicole Arbuckle** - September 27, 2024 at 10:34 PM

DG

“ You taught me the importance of working hard and keeping strong family ties.  
I will love you forever Dad.  
You we meet again...rest easy & have fun up there!

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**Denise Gromm** - September 27, 2024 at 05:50 PM