



Steve W Hetherington

February 3, 1947 - March 10, 2024

Wyanet - Stephen Wilson Hetherington, affectionately known as "Motor", passed away peacefully on March 10, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter and cherished memories. He was born on February 3, 1947, in Moline, Illinois to the late Jesse Wilson Hetherington and Betty Crockett Hetherington.

Stephen found his lifelong partner in Mary Frances "Fritzie" Madsen, whom he married on December 30, 1973, at the Sheffield Congregational Church. For over 50 years, they built a foundation of love and companionship.

Professionally, Stephen successfully owned and operated the Wyanet Body Shop for 35 years. He started working for his father in the shop while in 8th grade in 1955, learning the trade and honing his skills. He ran it until his retirement in 2016. Steve's creation of Bucky the deer, which he used for radio advertising for his business, made both him and the Wyanet Body shop well recognized not only in his hometown of Wyanet, but many other surrounding towns. In fact, sometimes people that never met Steve, would recognize his voice as that of Bucky the deer. His creation of this fictional character is a testament to Steve's fun loving, creative and charismatic personality.

Beyond his professional pursuits, Stephen was a man of diverse interests and passions. He found joy in the simple pleasures of life; enjoying golf, fishing

and boating on the Illinois river, and engaging in friendly games of pool. His love for music resonated deeply within him, providing a soundtrack to his treasured moments.

Above all, Stephen relished time spent with his loved ones. His warm smile, generous spirit and unwavering love touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Stephen W. "Motor" Hetherington leaves behind a legacy and is survived by his loving and loyal wife, Fritzie Hetherington of Wyanet, IL; his daughter, Tricia Evans of Las Vegas, NV; his sister-in-law, Molly Tumbleson of Kewanee, IL; three nephews, Todd Morris, Nate Tumbleson and Jake Tumbleson, as well as one niece, Maggie Winter; seven great nieces and nephews, Lexi, Lucas, Myles, Grant, Elliana, Kyle, and Ally; and one aunt, Maxine Fulton, cousin Craig Jennings, as well as numerous cousins and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Wilson, and Betty Hetherington, one brother Dennis Hetherington and one sister-in-law, Martha Albert.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Wyanet Rescue Unit or the R.A. Sapp Memorial Library (Wyanet Library).

A visitation will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Services to follow at Norbergs, Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. with service and words of comfort provided by Le Roy Groff. Organist Brock Tumbleson.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

APR 13. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Always an adventure to talk with Motor. So sad to just learn that he has passed. Our hearts go out to all of his family.* ”

Mary Lynn May - April 20, 2024 at 10:13 AM