



James Richard "Dick" Ivester

November 24, 1944 - June 3, 2024

James Richard "Dick" Ivester, 79, died after an extended illness at 4:45 am, Monday, June 3, 2024, at Jerseyville Manor in Jerseyville, IL. He was born Nov. 24, 1944, in Alton and was the son of Charles and Kathlyn (Brewen) Ivester.

Dick graduated from Alton High School in 1961 and worked at Laclede Steel mill until his retirement.

Dick was preceded in death by older brothers, Charles (Sonny) Ivester, Maurice (William) Ivester and a foster brother, Richard Draper.

Surviving is his son, Don Ivester; Daughter, Stephanie (Ivester) Connors and spouse Thomas Connors and their two sons, Thomas and Logan; three brothers: James (Brady), George (Robert), and Michael Paul Ivester.

In his spare time, Dick was an avid hunter, fisherman and enjoyed spending time with his family. He loved to tell stories and loved sharing them with anyone who would listen!

A memorial visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be private.

Memorials may be made to Treehouse Wildlife Center. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 8. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences to the family. We would always go visit Papa Dick in the summers and he would take us out on the trails on his John Deere Gator. Sometimes he would let me drive and of course I somehow run into something and put a big ole crack down the front of it. I was so embarrassed and worried that he was going to be upset. But he didn't yell or get angry at all, he just slapped some duck tape on it and on our way we went. It was always so much fun going up to visit. I'll always cherish those memories.

Josie Voss - June 08, 2024 at 11:16 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies Stephanie, Donnie and family. So many memories! He always called me squirt. I remember Dick would make Stephanie and I feed the fish in the pond before we could go out when we were in high school. We enjoyed our summer visits. Love to all.

Robin - June 07, 2024 at 10:58 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James Richard "Dick" Ivester.



June 05, 2024 at 12:00 PM