



Patrick P. Wheeler

March 17, 1941 - November 13, 2021

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Patrick P. Wheeler, 80, died at 1:04 a.m. on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at OSF St. Anthony's emergency room. He was born March 17, 1941 in Alton the son of the late Vincent and Catherine (Smith) Wheeler. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of St. Michael's Catholic church in Beltrees, IL. He retired as a journeyman machinist from Owens Illinois in Godfrey in 1999. Patrick was a member of the Alton Wood River Sportsman's Club, and he was a 4th degree member of the Godfrey Knights of Columbus. On December 3, 1977 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey he married Marcia J. (Bechtold) and she survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Patricia Rivera (Joe) of Suisun, CA and one son, Christopher Wheeler (Shelly) of Lone, CA, four grandchildren, Katherine Wheeler, Patrick Suhr, Ashley Wheeler, Amber Wheeler, six great grandchildren, Aralina, Lilly, Russell, Joey, Shannon and Landon, one brother, Michael Wheeler (Barb) of Godfrey, his mother in law, Laura Bechtold of Godfrey, brothers and sisters in law, Mark Bechtold (Karen) of Godfrey, Mike Bechtold (Susie) of Godfrey and Sandra Bechtold of Godfrey and several nieces and nephews including one special niece Trina Harris. Preceded in death by sister and brother-in-law, Carolynn and Willie Lee, brothers-in-law David Bechtold, Steve Bechtold and Tim Bechtold and father-in-law Elmer Bechtold. Vigil prayers are at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 followed by visitation from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral

Home in Alton. UPDATED LOCATION, MASS HAS BEEN MOVED TO ST. AMBROSE IN GODFREY. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey with Father Frank Kuczera, OMI and Father Steven Janoski officiating. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Godfrey Knights of Columbus Hall or the 5A's animal shelter. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Mass

NOV 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church
820 W. Homer Adams Parkway
Godfrey, IL 62035

Visitation

NOV 17 (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Patrick P. Wheeler*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *So many great memories hunting with my dad, Pat & Ed. The stories told in the duck blinds are the stuff of legends. Patrick always had a great sense of humor and also showed how much he cared about others. Just a few weeks ago, he called to give condolences because my mom passed -- -his thoughtfulness and grace will be missed.*

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November 15, 2021 at 10:26 PM