



Richard Wakeford

July 25, 1937 - June 19, 2014

Richard "Rich" Wakeford, 76, died at 6:55 p.m. Thursday, June 19, 2014 at Rosewood Care Center in Alton. Born July 25, 1937 in St. Louis, MO, he was the son of Edison R. and Relpha R. (Harris) Wakeford. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1955-1963. Mr. Wakeford retired in 1997 after over 45 years of service as a renowned self-employed painter/wall paper hanger as well as working for various other contractors. He was a founder and honorary member of the Alton Motorboat Club. On December 23, 1983 he married the former Dawn Witt. She survives. Also surviving are four daughters, Laura D. Read (John) of San Antonio, TX, Kelly L. Schwartz (Paul J.) of Jasper, IN, Michelle L. Dunham (Jim) of Alton, and Melodee S. Ruyle of Bethalto, two sons, Mark R. Wakeford (Ann Pier) of Lebanon, and William "Rusty" Ruyle (Mary) of Medora, 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren, and a sister, Ruth Frakes (Ron) of Grand Blanc, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Betty Jean Wakeford and a granddaughter, Heidi S. Milner. Visitation will be from 12:00 noon until time of memorial service at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 28, 2014 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Pastor Julie Gvillo and Chaplain Colonel John Read will speak. Burial will be private. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or a charity of one's choice.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Wakeford*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *My condolences to Mark, Laura, Kelly and the Wakeford family.*

Shelby Roderfeld - June 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dawn, Please know we are thinking of you and your family. Rich was a one-of-a-kind!! You were all lucky to have know him.*

Alton Physical Therapy - June 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dawn and families,
thank you so much for sharing Rich with so many of us. His smile and sparkling eyes won't be forgotten.
Our sincere sympathy.
Susie and Rohland*

Susie and Rohland Pruetzeld - June 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss Aunt Dawn. Uncle Rich will me missed. Whenever I think of him it always makes me smile cause he made everyone laugh and smile. When I was little I was amazed by his Dove noise he did. He was so cool. God bless.

Darrin Witt - June 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will miss my other black sheep brother in law so much. We 3 stuck together when all those Witt's would gang up on us. What fun we had, I will love you always & never forget you. Dawn, I love you dear sister of my heart.

Mrs. Ann Witt Huff - June 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM