



Rory Michael Rathgeb

July 27, 1955 - September 30, 2015

Rory Michael Rathgeb, 60, died at 10:40 a.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2015 in Alton. Born July 27, 1955 in Champaign, he was the son of Glennon M. and Eileen R. (Krieder) Rathgeb. Sergeant Rathgeb started his career as a police officer in 1987 at the Carlinville Police Department. Then, he was a patrolman and later Chief of Police with the Benld, IL Police Department and had served as the Police Chief of National City, IL. He had been with the Alton Police Department since 1996. He was assigned to the Patrol Division, the Special Community Area Target Team (SCATT) Unit, the Investigations Division, the Narcotics Unit and the FBI Safe Street Task Force throughout his tenure with the Alton Police Department. He was named Alton Police Department's Officer of the Month twice for outstanding work in his field and received numerous letters of appreciation, commendation, and recognition from the Alton Police Department, Alton community members and the United States Department of Justice. In addition to his work with the police department he was an instructor at the Olin handgun range and he loved to trout fish. On December 9, 1995 he married the former Theresa Louise Dugan in Carlinville, IL. She survives. Also surviving are four daughters, Jessica Lynne Rathgeb, Morgan Christine Rathgeb, Amanda Renee Rathgeb all of Carlinville and Gwendolyn England Murray of St. Louis, MO, one son, James Robert England of Carlinville, four grandchildren, Harrison Michael Nepute, Rowan Christine Nepute, Eva Renee Johnson, and Rihanna Renee Barton all of Carlinville. Also surviving is a sister Renee Michelle Waggoner (Doug) of

Murfreesboro, TN and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until time of memorial service at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the Bridge Church in Alton. Reverend Steven Helfrich will officiate. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the St. Louis Area BackStoppers. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rory Michael Rathgeb*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Rory Michael Rathgeb*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *We only got to meet Rory a few times in Sparta because we sold them our house. Very nice, energetic person. Our thoughts and prayers are with Theresa and the family. If we can help any way, especially with the home in Sparta, please let us know. May God Bless!*

Brittany and Chaz Shannon - October 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Rathgeb Family for their loss...Rory was a good friend and he will be missed....Rest in peace....Jim Hernandez*

Jim Hernandez - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Peace be with you brother. You were well thought of by your peers and friends both inside and outside law enforcement. You were one of the bright spots for me when I was at the range and seeing you over in Fairview when you were working with the Feds...You will be missed here. R.I.P. my friend, the community was better for your life on this side of the veil..*

Denzel Jines - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Shocked to learn of Rory s sudden passing. Worked with Rory at the Granite City DMV for a short time and found him to be quite a good guy. RIP Rory.

Charlene Stauder - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed in the Alton community.

Ann Badasch - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Rest in Peace Rory!

Darlene Sarginson - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Theresa, Renee, Jessica, Morgan and Amanda. Words cant express how sorry I am for your loss. He was one of a kind and held to his principles, truly stalwart and good. May you find Gods peace in this difficult time.

Janet Dobbs - October 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Theresa and Jessica, Morgan and Amanda and family, so very sorry for your loss. Prayers sent to all of u. With much sympathy, the Dawsons

Steve and Linda dugan Dawson - October 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM