



## William Joseph Gaither

May 3, 1969 - December 19, 2023

William "Bill" Joseph Gaither, 54, of Alton, IL. passed away in his home surrounded by family at 8:38 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2023. He was born in Alton on May 3, 1969 to Robert and the late Patricia (Lyons) Gaither. Bill attended Alton High School before going to work at Allied Waste for many years. On September 15, 1989, in Alton, he married Jamey Freeman and she survives. Also surviving are three sons Thomas (Alexis) Gaither of Alton, Joshua (Alyssa) Gaither of Wood River, Zachary (Cheyanne) Gaither of Alton, one daughter Caylee (Brian) Utt of St. Louis, MO, a special great niece Sofia "Monkey Butt" Johnson of Alton, six grandchildren Alexandria, Ryan, Dax, Jayce, Audrey, and Rhett, uncle Scotty, one brother Jeff (Dorothy) Gaither of Godfrey, and two sisters Paige (Wade) Glover and Misty (Rolla) Bell, father-in-law and mother in law Dave (Sherry) Freeman, Theresa (Alan) Wheeler, brother and sister-in-law Jennifer (Brian) Courtoise, Janice (Matt) Henkhaus, Brandon (Stephanie) Wheeler, Catey (Jeremiah) Chandler, Tony Wheeler, and many uncles, aunts, nieces, and nephews that he loved dearly. Bill was preceded in death by his mother Pat, and sister Christina Johnson. Even during his toughest battles, he still found time to enjoy the things he loved, such as watching his boys race, watching his grandchildren play sports, enjoying his niece sing, hanging out with his little princess (Caylee) while taking in the smell of fresh cut grass, and spending a nice day on the golf course with his father and sons. Visitation will be 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral

services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22, 2023. Burial will be at Wanda Cemetery in Roxana Reverend Andre Dobson will officiate. Memorials will be made to Gent Funeral Home in care of Jamey Gaither. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
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## Funeral

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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DEC **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I cannot imagine the pain and heartache you’re feeling. I am praying for your peace and comfort.

*Trish McKenzie*

Trish McKenzie - December 21, 2023 at 04:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Joseph Gaither.



December 20, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Joseph Gaither.



December 20, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of William Joseph Gaither.



December 20, 2023 at 09:19 AM

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“ You fought the battle pain is gone will miss seeing you Ed Mckenzie

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**Eddie L Mckenzie** - December 20, 2023 at 07:57 AM

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“ Rachel Williams Calvin lit a candle in memory of William Joseph Gaither



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**Rachel Williams Calvin** - December 19, 2023 at 04:11 PM