



## Arthur R. Hand

March 30, 1944 - April 6, 2023

Arthur R. Hand, age 79, of Peoria, passed away the morning of April 6, 2023 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. He was surrounded by his family after a hard fought battle. He was born on March 30, 1944 in Peoria to Leroy and Evelyn (St. Clair) Hand. He married Sandra (Sandy) Clark on June 27, 1964 with whom he made a home for over 58 years.

He is survived by his wife Sandra and his children, Vicky (Kevin) Gray of Bartonville, IL and Jeff (Vickie) Hand of Mapleton, IL; six grandchildren, Mat (Shannon), Jamie (Donnie), Rebecca (Adam), Payne (Angelica "Bean"), Anthony and Rachel; six great-grandchildren, Presley, Liam, Kaiden, Benjamin, Hazel "Princess", and Penelope "Plumpy"; one brother, Gary Hand of Deland, FL and one sister, Marilyn (Scott) Luster of Peoria, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Judith Hand and sister-in-law, Paulette Hand.

Art (Pops) was a great family man, avid outdoorsman and many times the life of the party. He lived life every day, absorbing in all that it had to offer. He worked hard for what he had and continued doing what he loved until the end. Anyone who knew Art, knew he went by many nicknames. If he knew you, you had one also. Pops loved the outdoors and spent many days camping, hunting, fishing and working in the yard. Sandy and Art spent time with family and friends every chance they got. Whether it was at the camper, traveling,

going to dinner, or just enjoying a nice quiet evening sitting around a small fire in the backyard. He loved his animals, played with his doggo (Odie), and made sure all the neighborhood wildlife was well fed. Pops liked singing Karaoke and playing Golden Tee golf.

Besides spending time with family and friends, Pops loved painting. Following in the footsteps of his father, Leroy, he was a Union Painter for Local 157 and later District Council 30 for 33 years, retiring in 2006. He continued to help friends and family with any house painting projects when he was available, last working with friends in December of last year.

As per Art's wishes there will be no funeral services. However, there will be a celebration of life held on Sunday April 16th, 2023 @ 2:00PM at the Hanna City Sportsman's Club located at 103 S. Main St in Hanna City, IL.

Schmidt-Haller Burial & Cremation Service is assisting the family. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hanna City Sportsman's Club

103 S. Main Street

Hanna City, IL 61536

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ I remember you drinking OJ & Cream and pumping iron in Western Av, backyard.

David Cappitelli - January 12, 2025 at 10:21 AM

SS

“ Arthur R. Hand

Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services - August 13, 2024 at 01:18 PM

KJ

“ Arthur was one of the sweetest and kindest men you could ever meet. I always looked forward to when he and his beautiful wife Sandy would come back to Peoria from Florida and join us for karaoke. He had such an amazing voice! He will be greatly missed. My heart and prayers are with his wife and loved ones.

Kayla and Marvin DuBois Jr - April 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Arthur R. Hand.

Serene Retreat - April 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I am sorry to learn of the passing of my friend Dick. I am a childhood friend of his sister Marilyn and spent a lot of time around the Hand family. Dick and Gary treated me like a sister. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He was a good and kind man. May His Soul Rest In Eternal Peace.

Brenda Hurley Lee - April 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Arthur R. Hand.* ”

Sweet Tenderness - April 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Arthur R. Hand.* ”

Country Basket Blooms - April 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. He was truly a fighter and is very loved. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.* ”

Kristen - April 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *Pops and Sandy are a huge part of our family. We will miss him so much at our family gatherings. He always made the best deviled eggs (I think he forgot to share his recipe.) Heaven gained another Angel. Bet my Dad met him at the gate with a cold one. RIP.* ”

Kathy - April 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *He was a cousin and very hard worker I loved this man so much he was so much fun I will truly miss him I will see you down the road again and we will continue our journey.* ”

Robert (rusty) hand - April 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“*~~~~~Dad, I love you so much. I will cherish forever our time together. ~~~~~*

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**Jeff Hand** - April 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM