



Gary Michael Zerwer

October 10, 1960 - November 7, 2025

Gary Michael Zerwer, 65, of Pekin, Illinois passed away on Friday, November 7, 2025, at his residence. He was born on October 10, 1960, in Peoria to Ramon (Carol) Zerwer and Donna (James) Headley.

Gary was a loving father to three children: Ashley (Travis) Tjaden, Gary (Krystal) Zerwer II, and Matthew Zerwer. He also leaves behind five grandchildren: Wyatt and Kenzie Tjaden, and Zoe, Layla, and Logan Zerwer. His family was an important part of his life, and he took pride in their accomplishments.

He is survived by his siblings Phillip (Lea Ann) Zerwer, David (Juli) Zerwer, Laura Barth, and Thomas (Shelly) Cantrall, along with step-siblings Debbie (Jim) McCormick, Lisa Headley, and Steven (Tammy) Headley. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ramon and Donna, his brother Steven Zerwer, and his step-sister, Patty Fleming.

Gary graduated from Limestone Community High School in 1978 and attended Trade School at Plumbers Local 63. With dedication and skill, he started his own business “GM Zerwer Plumbing”, serving the local community for over 30 years. In his free time, Gary enjoyed spending time outdoors. He loved fishing at Banner Marsh with family, hunting, nature, and motorsports – attending the races at Cordova Dragway for many years.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A private memorial service will be held with immediate family at Swan Lake Cemetery in the spring, followed by a Celebration of Life for all family and friends. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmidthaller.com