



"Jack"

July 24, 1956 - March 4, 2025

John R. "Jack" Dalton, 68, of Varna, passed away on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at Carle Health - Methodist Hospital in Peoria. He was born on July 29, 1956 in Jacksonville, a son of James and Joanne (Cruthers) Dalton. Jack married Judy Crew on March 28, 1976 in Chillicothe. She survives.

He is also survived by his four children, Joanna (John) Hobbs of Port Lavaca, Texas, Jennifer (Brian) Dolph of Pennsylvania, John (Merideth) Dalton, II of Bethel, Pennsylvania, and Jesse Dalton of Varna; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Joseph (Kathy) Dalton of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Jeff (Tammy) Dalton of Indiana; three sisters, Julie (James) Bodendorfer of Wisconsin, Janet (Ken) Gibbs of Tennessee, and Jerri (Mark) Cooksey of East Peoria; and many nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents.

He worked at Peoria Tractor in East Peoria for several years. He then moved to Texas in 1986 and worked as a deckhand before becoming the captain of the 1965 Crew boat "Chip XI", retiring in 1998. Jack loved being on the water and taking fishing trips and scuba diving trips out on the Gulf.

Jack's family has arranged a celebration of life service to be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, March 23, 2025 at the American Legion Post #323, 303 Main Street, Henry, IL 61537.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Jack's family.

Online condolences may be shared with Jack's family at www.SchmidtHaller.com