



## Jeffery Dean Appel

February 13, 1968 - February 9, 2021

Pekin – Jeffery Dean Appel, 52, of Morton, formerly of Pekin, passed away on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at Aperion Care Morton Villa in Morton. He was born on February 13, 1968 in Peoria, a son of Gale and Patricia Elaine (Hall) Appel.

Jeff is survived by his three daughters, Ashley Smith of Morton, Jessica Appel of Peoria Heights, and Michele Appel of Glasford; three grandchildren, Jaxson James, Liliana Appel, and Reid James; father, Gale (Jamie) Appel of Virginia; two sisters, Julie Appel of Creve Coeur and Jenni Appel of Sunnyland; two brothers, Matt Appel of Peoria and Doug Atkins of Virginia; and fiancé, Lisa Platt of Pekin. He was preceded in death by his mother; brother, Brad Atkins; and step-father, Ted Jennings.

Jeff worked as a mechanic for many years. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids. Jeff loved to work on cars and listen to the Bob and Tom show every morning.

Jeff's celebration of life gathering will be at a later date. His family is in charge of the arrangements. Schmidt-Haller Burial & Cremation Services in Peoria is handling the cremation arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the American Lung Association.