



John Rupert

August 7, 1955 - May 24, 2023

John Michael Rupert, 67, of East Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at home on May 24, 2023 surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on August 7, 1955 to Jack and Shirley (Bertolero)Rupert; most often known as Rupe or Mike, lovingly referred to as Mr. Rupert by his nieces, Pops by his grandchildren, and Vic by his friends, he was kind-hearted and generous. Those who knew him best knew what an excellent human being he was. He worked tirelessly to care for those he loved. His generosity extended to friends and strangers alike, never disclosing his acts of kindness. He will be remembered by those that loved him as a dichotomy of direct and kind; particular and embracing; stoic and hilarious; and, above all, unreservedly endearing.

He loved to spend his time fishing, boating, traveling and being outdoors. He was on the water whenever he could and shared his love of fishing with the children in his life. His indomitable spirit for living was evident in everything he did; demonstrating his resiliency through hard work and tenacity in every endeavor.

He met the love of his life, Melissa, in 1997. They married, making it "official", on December 18, 2020. They shared 26 years together. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Rupert. He is survived by his wife, Melissa Brown;

his mother, Shirley Rupert; daughter, Cayla Rupert and soon-to-be son-in-law, John Thomas; son, Derek Rupert and daughter-in-law, Carley Rupert; grandchildren, Charlie & Jack Rupert; sisters Melissa (Art) Svymbersky and Kim Rupert; brother, Bill Rupert; and nine nieces and nephews.

Mike was an electrician and programmer, retiring from the City of East Peoria in 2016 after decades of service.

Honoring his wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and family and friends will gather at a later date to celebrate a life well lived.

Anyone wishing to honor his memory can make a donation to St. Jude or Enough Stuff (non-profit helping those in need) at 422 E. Washington St. #100, East Peoria, IL 61611.