



## Leland Thomas Bannister

June 23, 1949 - February 4, 2023

Leland Thomas Bannister, 73, of Peoria Heights, passed away Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Proctor Hospital in Peoria.

He is survived by his two sons, Robert and Larry Bannister; a sister, Patricia Woolston, and one brother, Roger Yates. He is also survived by a half-sister, Betty Curb and half-brothers, Carroll Arthur Wells and Jerry Wells.

Tom attended Zeigler Royalton High School and graduated in 1988, where he starred on the School Track Team. He served in the United States Army during the time of the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Daisy Geneva Wells (Orville) and father, Fred Bannister; two sisters, Norma Jean Herring, and Mary Lou Downard; and a brother, James Bannister.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, March 17, 2023 at 2p.m. at the Missouri State Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Higginsville, Missouri. VFW Post 4052 Lexington will provide military honors.

Cremation rites were afforded. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Service handled arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Missouri State Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
20109 Business Missouri 13  
Higginsville, IL 64037

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Tom at the VFW in Peoria Heights ... had a hood many chats about Goofy Ridge, watching westerns and game shows at the VFW ... always fettung hus Milky Way candy bar and discussing lunch yummys on Saturday ... leftovers or something else ... I am gonna miss you Tom. Love you .... Lori (aka Squid)(aka Giggles)

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**Lori Orton** - February 13, 2023 at 05:59 PM