



## Merle Wiegand

June 15, 1964 - October 30, 2025

Merle E. Wiegand, age 61, of Chillicothe, IL passed away Thursday, October 30, 2025 at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria, IL.

He was born June 15, 1964 in Peoria to Elton and Loretta (Strahm) Wiegand. Merle married Debra Lynn Herring on May 21, 1994 in Peoria and they enjoyed 22 years of marriage together until she passed away on January 1, 2017.

Merle is survived by his son, Bret (Morgan) Wiegand; his grandchildren, Maverick, Anderson and Baker; and brothers, Greg (Lynn) Wiegand of Morton, Stan (Marilyn) Wiegand of Kansas, and Brian (Tina) Wiegand of Eureka.

Merle retired from Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria after a 30 year career with the hospital as a purchasing agent.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing but found the greatest pride and joy in being a Grandpa.

The family will celebrate Merle's life at a later date. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Service has assisted the family with cremation arrangements.

Memorial contributions are suggested to further his grandchildren's education in care of Bret and Morgan Wiegand.