



## Michael L. Durham

September 5, 1945 - June 4, 2025

Michael L. Durham, 79, of Spring Bay, IL (formerly of Henry) passed away on June 4, 2025 at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home.

Mike was born in Pontiac, IL on September 5, 1945 to the late George O. Durham and Claudine (Thompson) Durham.

He joined the United States Navy in 1964 where he worked as an aircraft mechanic; serving as a Vietnam Veteran.

Mike married Brenda (Courson) Durham on December 17, 1967 in Alma, IL. He is survived by his four daughters; Rebecca (Darren) McMillan of East Peoria, IL, Dawn (Dan) Irish of Cissna Park, IL, April Durham of Edwardsville, IL, and Kimberly (Danny Haley) Durham, also of East Peoria, IL, four grandchildren; Danielle Meister of Las Vegas, NV, Morgan Atkins of Melbourne, FL, Alex Meister of Jefferson City, MO, and McKenna Atkins of Denver, CO, three siblings; Robert (Janet) Durham of Patoka, IL, Rita Kendall of Hereford, AZ, and Mary (Mike) Vaughn of Walnut Hill, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mike worked at Caterpillar for 34 years, retiring from the Technical Center in Mossville, IL as a research mechanic in 2001. He lived in the Sparland area for many years, having built 2 new homes and renovated many older homes. Mike enjoyed nature and gardening; keeping his lawns looking like a park. His flowers were a passion.

Cremation rites have been accorded; a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mike's name to the Richard L. Owens Hospice Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ ☐ *best Papa ever*

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**Danielle** - June 11, 2025 at 05:08 PM

DA

“ *For the best Dad & Papa ever!*

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**Dawn, Dan, Danielle & Alex** - June 10, 2025 at 10:01 PM

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“ *Michael L. Durham*

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**Morgan Atkins** - June 07, 2025 at 04:36 PM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Schmidt Haller Burial and  
Cremation Services*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Michael L. Durham** - June 06, 2025 at 02:22 PM