



## Steven Wayne Riley

August 30, 1955 - February 21, 2024

Steven Wayne Riley known by family and friends as "Stevie" passed away on February 21st, 2024 in Peoria, IL at the age of 68. Born in Kewanee IL to Steve Riley and Norma Flint, he was the oldest of 4 children.

Stevie enjoyed his years growing up on the family farm, he was very athletic and enjoyed playing football, basketball and was involved in track in Annawan High School, where he graduated in 1973. After high school, Stevie, spent time farming with his Dad, trucking and working in agricultural services. In 1975, Stevie was blessed by the birth of his daughter, Elizabeth Ann Riley. Elizabeth and her Dad shared many things over the years including a love of cars and music. One of Elizabeth's favorite memories of her Dad included him with his Red Firebird. Following a stroke in 2002, which left Stevie in a wheelchair, he moved to Kewanee.

He never complained about his disability, but instead enjoyed a relationship with God and looked forward to the day he would be with Jesus. Stevie's hobbies included following the Cubs and the Bears, and Street Outlaws Racing. He was also a big fan of Country Music, especially the older artists. Stevie had an infectious laugh, a great smile, and a great sense of humor. We all enjoyed sharing stories of his past mischievous escapades when we visited him or talked with him on the phone.

Stevie is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Riley of Wilmington, NC, his father and stepmother Steve and Sally Riley of Sheffield, IL, his siblings Crystal & Tim Ryerson of Prescott, AZ, Connie & Gary Lucas of Princeton, IL, Alan and Sasha Riley of Prescott, AZ and his many nieces and nephews.

We are grateful for the blessing of Stevie in our family and our lives. He will be greatly missed! We are excited to think about the wonderful celebration in heaven as Stevie meets Jesus face to face. We know he will be playing basketball in heaven!

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Mineral Methodist Church or the Kewanee Fire Department.

The family will hold a memorial service to celebrate Stevie's life at a later date.

Words of comfort can be shared with the Riley family at [www.Schmidt-Haller.com](http://www.Schmidt-Haller.com).