



# Walter Pyle Sr

**Jerseyville | Saturday, January 17 2015**

Walter E. Pyle, Sr., 82, formerly of Wood River, passed away at 3:57am on Saturday, January 17, 2015, at Alton Memorial Hospital. He was born on September 28, 1932, in Vandalia, Illinois the son of the late George and Ethel (Ray) Pyle. He married the former Leslie Patton on March 2, 1976, they later divorced and she preceded him in death on April 16, 2011. He then married the former Sandra Fry Stark on April 27, 2004, in Jerseyville and she survives. Other survivors include one son: Gene Pyle of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, two daughters and sons in law: Tara Pelan and her husband: Spencer Rowell of Portland, Oregon, Amy and Travis Cook of Wood River, a special son: Ian Patton of Wood River, five grandchildren: Gregory, Brittany, Brandy, Canaan, Leslie, five step – children: Cynthia Morrow of Kane, Illinois, Carl Stark of Carlinville, Kyle and Mindy Stark of Roodhouse, Lucas Stark of Kane, Crystal Burrell and her husband: Rick of Godfrey, and their children, and one brother and sister in law: Kenneth and Verna Pyle of Vandalia all survive.

He was formerly employed as a Biology teacher at East Alton – Wood River High School for 33 years prior to his retirement in 1991. He was the former Vice – President of the Wood River – Hartford District 15 school board. He was formerly the President of the Community Educational Federal Credit Union in Wood River. He loved the St. Louis Cardinals, watching the Illini, and watching old westerns. He enjoyed playing cards with his brothers in law and friends. He was a member of New Life Tabernacle in Delhi. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

In celebration of his life, visitation will be from 4pm until time of funeral services at 7pm on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at Pitchford Funeral Home in Wood River. Pastor Kim Bell will officiate. Following the funeral services and in accordance with his wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. Inurnment will be at a later date at Green Hill Cemetery in Van Burenburg, Illinois.

Memorials are suggested to the family and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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