

# Holger Happel

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Holger Happel, 59, died on December 29, 2015 at his home in Godfrey, Illinois, with his wife of 25 years, Chris Lamere, by his side. He was born on March 21, 1956 in Hanau, West Germany, to Silvia Zimmermann Happel and Karlheinz Happel. At the age of 8, he moved to the United States with his mother. When he was 17 years old, his mother married Jim Tungett, whom Holger regarded as his father throughout the rest of his life. With this marriage, Holger was also blessed with a sister, Dawn Selvog, and a brother, Tim Tungett.



Holger attended Alton High School and graduated in 1974. Thereafter, he graduated from ITT Technical Institute. For many years, he worked as an electrician. Later, he became a union industrial painter for Hartman-Walsh of St. Louis. He, along with his wife, also owned the Beer Barrel Pub in Godfrey for 17 years.

Holger loved spending time outdoors with his friends, especially at his cabin in Greenfield, Illinois. He was an avid sportsman. Over the years, he spent as much time as he could deer and turkey hunting. Some of his adventures included bear hunting in Canada, deep sea fishing in Mexico, and elk hunting in Colorado.

Holger is survived by his wife, Chris Lamere; his parents, Silvia and Jim Tungett; his daughter, Alexandria Happel of Texas City, Texas; his step-children Sharon Orr, Andrea Lamere (Evan Schaeffer) of Franklin, Tennessee, and Sherman Lamere, Jr. (fiancé Misty Toddy); his grandchildren, Ashley Orr, Hanna Lamere, and Lydia, Austin, Zoe and Sam Schaeffer; his siblings, Dawn Selvog and Tim Tungett; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his biological father, Karlheinz Happel, and his aunt, Ursula Zimmermann, both of Hanau, Germany.

Visitation will be held at Elias, Kallal & Schaaf Funeral Home in Godfrey, on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 p.m. until time of the Memorial Service at 5:00 p.m.

Memorials may be given to the Cancer Research Institute at [www.cancerresearch.org](http://www.cancerresearch.org).

Online condolences and guest book can be found at [www.elias-kallal-landschaaf.com](http://www.elias-kallal-landschaaf.com)