



Stephen Holik

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Stephen Ray Holik, 63, died Sunday, May 15, 2016 at Select Specialty Hospital in St. Charles, MO after a long and hard-fought battle with his health.

He was born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City on May 28, 1952, one of six sons born to the late John Sr. and Virginia (Baldwin) Holik.

Stephen grew up in Granite City and was a 1971 graduate of Granite City High School and immediately enlisted with the United States Army, where he was stationed in New Jersey.



He married the former Susan Winnie at the Mitchell Baptist Church on July 3, 1971 and together they made their home in Granite City for many years and together they were blessed with a daughter and 44 years of marriage.

The family later relocated from Granite City to Elsah, where he has resided for the past 26 years.

Stephen was a hard-working man, dedicating 35 years working on the assembly line and in inventory control for Chrysler Motors, retiring in 2006.

He was a former member of the Grafton American Legion Post 648 and volunteer fireman for the Village of Elsah.

In his spare time, Stephen enjoyed traveling with his family and spending time outdoors, whether it was golfing or fishing at the lake near his home. It was his granddaughters, however, who brought him the most joy and happiness in his life and he dedicated every minute of time he had to being a part of their lives.

Surviving are his wife, Susan Holik; a daughter and son-in-law, Angela Holik-Clarkson and her husband, Jim; and his granddaughters, Jillian Christine and Alexia Marie Clarkson, all of Elsah; a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph & Linda Holik of Florissant, MO; as well as many loving extended, including a very special niece, Lisa Wittman of Jerseyville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Lesley “Les”, Edward, John and Carl Holik.

Per his wishes, cremation rights have been accorded.

A memorial visitation will be held on Thursday from 10 a.m. until time of family eulogy at 12 noon followed by full military honors conducted by the Grafton American Legion Post 648 at Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville.