

## Richard McCart

## Kampsville | Thursday, July 21 2016

Richard Kevin McCart, 62, died at 7:50 a.m., Thursday, July 21, 2016 at Hannibal Regional Hospital in Hannibal, MO after a long and valiant battle with his health.

He was born on September 13, 1953 in Granite City, one of two sons born to the late Earl James McCart Sr. & Shirley (Skinner) McCart and graduated from Granite City High School. He went on to attend Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey, where he took courses in Law Enforcement, a true passion of his.

He married the former April Schultz on December 19, 1984 in Hardin and together they raised their family of six children and shared 31 years together.

Richard began his working career with US Steel, working in the Blast Furnace Lab where he retired from in 1998 after 25 years of dedicated service. He was then able to take his knowledge and passion of Law Enforcement to the streets, working to better the community in which he was raised and lived for many years, by joining the Granite City Auxiliary Police, receiving numerous awards and honors as well as the respect and friendship of many during his 6 years with the organization. It was after his official retirement that he and his wife April moved to Kampsville, where they have resided for the past several years.

When he was not working or volunteering his time to others, Richard enjoyed training and working with horses, playing his guitar and spending time on the open road on his Harley. He was also very active and passionate about his health and fitness, and was an accomplished power lifter for over 20 years.

It is without a doubt that Richard accomplished a great deal in his lifetime, however, those are not the things he will be most remembered by. Instead, those who were

fortunate enough to know him will remember him for his outgoing personality, his loving and generous nature and the strength and perseverance he showed during whatever life through his way.

Above all, Richard loved his family. He was a devoted husband and father, and a proud and doting grandfather. The lessons he taught and the memories he shared with them all will be treasured by them all.

Surviving are his wife, April McCart of Kampsville; five children and their spouses, Richard George & Judith McCart of Wood River; James Scott McCart of Collinsville; Tori McCart and her companion, Dillon Kuhlman, of Kampsville; Amanda & Luke Norris of Kamspville and David Parker of Eldorado; nine grandchildren; 3 greatgrandchildren and 2 more on the way; a brother and sister-in-law, Earl James "Jim" McCart Jr. & Jollibee "ChaCha" McCart of Cape Coral, FL.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter Lana (McCart) Godar; a great-grandson, Jonathan Timothy "J.T." Casper; as well as a niece, Melissa McCart.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. until time of funeral services at 7 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2016 at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville with Father William Hembrow officiating.

Private burial will take place at a later date at the St. Anselm Cemetery in Kamspville.

In lieu of flowers and plants, memorials may be given to the Family, in care of the funeral home.