

Martin “Marty” Wayne Myers

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Martin “Marty” Wayne Myers departed this Earth on June 27th, 2018 at 11:40pm to join Christ

his Savior and his heavenly family. Marty was recently diagnosed with radiation induced

sarcoma, a rare and perplexing cancer.

He was born on November 13, 1955 to his parents Paul and Bessie (Eaker) Myers. He was the

eldest of three sons. He grew up in Wood River, Illinois and attended Roxana Community High

School and graduated in 1973. He worked as a paramedic and also worked for the State of

Illinois for many years.

He will be reunited in heaven with his father Paul Myers, his brother Kent Myers, all four of his grandparents, his mother-in-law Nellie Ray, several aunts, several uncles, several cousins, and dear friends.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki (Ray) Myers. They recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. They loved to travel together especially to any beach locale or mountain range. Vicki was a rock for him while he journeyed through his illness and even though it was very difficult for both it was quite obvious that he loved her with all of his heart. He is survived by three sons and their wives, Jeremy and Jessica Myers, Jared and Kristen Myers, and Jason and Lindsay Myers. When Marty talked about his boys, he only expressed love and gratefulness for having children who were kind and loved God. He was especially proud that each of his sons chose a spouse who were just as kind and loving. He had two daughters that he treated as his very own, Angie Bailey with her partner Mike Laurent and Allison Creekmore with her partner Shawn Sayle. He always treated them with the same love that he gave his sons. The pride and joy of his life were his 13 grandchildren. Nothing was more important to him than being “PawPaw”. He leaves behind his grandchildren, Corey Bailey, Brandon Bailey, Dawson



Laurent, Jaelynn Myers, Jackson Myers, Julia Myers, Abigail Myers, Kate Myers, Ava Myers, Ethan Myers, Carter Myers, Elyse Myers, and Audrey Myers. His doggie daughter, Pippy, will also miss him dearly, especially as they loved to nap together. He is also survived by his brother, Bradley Myers, and his wife, Sherry Myers. As brothers, they teased each other mercilessly, but loved each other just as strongly. He is survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, great-nieces and nephews, and friends. Each one of them had a special place in his heart.

If you knew Marty, then you knew that he loved to socialize. He had never met a stranger. He also loved drag racing, astronomy, traveling, and exotic fish. He was a past member of the Mid-America Bicycle Club and a past member of a shooting club at Olin. Marty was adventurous and was always willing to pick up a new hobby because he loved to learn.

His death will be painful for those left behind and that is because we will miss his corny sense of humor, his glee at trying new things, his knack of being able to talk to anyone about anything, and especially the love he had for each one of us. With his death, he is no longer constrained by the physical pain and physical disabilities that he suffered from for years. He has now joined hands with the Lord and is watching over each one of us with the same love he had while on Earth.

The family of Marty would especially like to thank the following people for bringing food, providing comfort and support, and providing manpower while he was on hospice: Diane Nemick, Mike Laurent, Terry and Rosemary Eaker, Nancy Zumwalt, Brandon Kirby, Karen and Walter Moss, Sue and Dennis Ratliff, Dakota Corbit, his hospice BJC hospice nurse, Becca, and the many family and friends who spent time with Marty as his time drew near.

You can celebrate Marty's life with all of those who loved him on Sunday, July 1st at Elias, Kallal, and Shaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto, IL. The visitation will run from 2:30pm to 4:00pm with the memorial service directly following. His sons Pastor Jeremy Myers and Pastor Jason Myers will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be made to the Siteman Cancer Center Patient Care Fund, North American Mission Board, or a charity of your choice.