



# William Rolando

**Springfield | Wednesday, October 20 2010**

William A. Rolando, 63, formerly of Jerseyville, died at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at his residence. He was born in Litchfield on Jan. 15, 1947, one of four children born to the late Lawrence J. & Olive (Bauer) Rolando. Bill married the former Sandra Shaw on August 14, 1965 at the Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Jerseyville and together they shared 45 years of marriage. Surviving are his wife, Sandra Shaw of Springfield; three daughters & sons in law, Christine Norman of Jerseyville, Becky & Ed Hunter of Auburn, Kathy & Nathan Shalley of Grafton; nine grandchildren, Tyler, C.J. and Sydney Norman of Jerseyville, Molly, Jack, Max and Lucy Hunter of Auburn, Tucker & Grace Shalley of Grafton; a sister, Carole Rolando, and her husband, Mike Myers of Spokane, Wa.; two brothers & sisters in law, Mick & Susan Rolando of Jerseyville, and David & Sue Rolando of Spokane, Wa.; his mother in law, Doris Shaw of Jerseyville. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a daughter, Jennifer Sue Rolando on March 6, 1989; and his father in law, Robert Shaw. Bill graduated with the Class of 1965 from Jersey Community High School, and held several jobs before beginning work with McIntyre Construction in Jerseyville as a lead worker & site superintendant. After sustaining a paralyzing injury at work, Bill returned to school to further his education, earning his B.S. in Business & Marketing Management in 1979, where he was a Illinois State Scholarship and Illinois Association of Realtors Scholarship Recipient, and his Masters in Business Administration in 1987 both from Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville. In 1977 he & his wife began a 20 years association in the Real estate world, with Rolando Real Estate in Jerseyville. In 1981, he was called upon by newly elected Secretary of State Jim Edgar to serve as a Special Projects Director. He later became the Director of Personnel & Chief Labor Negotiator for the Illinois Secretary of State, and retired in 2003 as Director of the Illinois Department of Labor. Bill was a very community and civic minded individual who easily gave of his time and efforts. While a resident of Jerseyville, he served on their Zoning Commission and Recreation Board. A staunch Republican, he served on numerous boards & committees, including serving as Jersey County precinct committeeman and served as the Chairman of the Jersey County Republican Central Committee for 23 years until 2003. He also served as the former President of the Illinois Republican

County Chairmans Association. Outside of the political scene, Bill also served on numerous Professional organizations and service and fraternal organizations as well. He was active with the Illinois Public Employers Labor Relations Association and the National Public Employers Labor Relations Association, serving as President of both organizations. He also was active in the Jaycees, serving as former President of the Jerseyville chapter, and former Vice President of the state organization, was an advisor for the Boy Scouts of American; was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Holy Family Council of Chatham #4179, the Roman Cultural Society, Fraternal Order of the Elks, and former president of the Jersey County Slo Pitch Softball Association.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Church of the Little Flower, 800 Stevenson Drive, Springfield, IL, where a Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m., Monday. Msgr. John Ossola will officiate. Visitation will continue on Tuesday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville from 9 a.m. until prayers at 11 a.m. with Father William Hebrow assisting. Burial will take place in the St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Jerseyville. Memorials may be given to the Church of the Little Flower or to the Holy Family Food Pantry.