

George Jr

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George E. Rands Jr., 71, passed away unexpectedly at 5:38 pm on Sunday, July 10, 2011 at Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton.

He was born on April 2, 1940 in Virden, IL, the son of George E. and Edna (Ward) Rands Sr.

He married Altadena Stiegman on March 26, 1960 in Plum Hill. She survives.

George was an owner/operator of Rands Distributing Company for 49 Years, retiring on January 1, 2003. He enjoyed camping and antiquing and most of all he loved his family. He was loved by all who knew him.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children and their spouses, Kevin and Sarah Rands, Cyndi and John Murphy and Nathan and Lisa Rands all of East Alton; two grandchildren, Tyler and Shanna Bress (Philip Schuyler) all of East Alton; five step grandchildren, Michael, Angie, Chris, Brian and Kyle Murphy; a great granddaughter, Kassidy Schuyler, who was his pride and joy; eight step great grandchildren, a brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Jean Rands of Mesa, AZ; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Lewis French of Chattanooga, TN and his nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Cottage Hills.

Memorials may be made to The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness.

Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences and guest book may be found at www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com