

Joseph Nolan

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Joseph F. "Fred" Nolan, 74, passed away at 10:30 p.m., Friday, November 8, 2013 at Alton Memorial Hospital with his family at his side. Fred was born in Urbana, Il. on Feb. 15, 1939, and was the son of the late Joseph E. & G. Eileen (Ferris) Nolan. He graduated in 1957 from Monticello High School and from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston in 1969. He was employed as a Classification and Pay Specialist with the Universities Civil Service System of Illinois and retired in 1998. He sponsored the Douglas County Steam Festival in Arcola, Il for 16 years, and was President of Historical Steam and Living History, Inc., and co-sponsored the Jersey County Victorian Festival for the past 18 years. He was also a member of the Illinois-Missouri Tractor and Engine Club, Jersey County Historical Society and the Otter Creek Historical Society. Fred was passionate in preservation efforts to save our past for the future, especially our agricultural and Civil War History. He married the former Brenda Eskew on May 14, 1960 in Champaign, Il., and they have shared 53 years together. Surviving are his wife, Brenda Nolan of Jerseyville; a son, Frederic Richard Nolan of Jerseyville; two daughters and sons in law, Pamela & Douglas Stapel of Lake Sherwood, Mo., and Jennifer Nolan-O'dell and her husband, Matthew O'dell of St. Louis; three grandchildren, Cody, Lauren, and Allison Stapel. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where a Celebration of Life Service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Rev. Marty Smay will officiate. Burial will take place at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Jerseyville. In lieu of flowers and plants, memorials would be appreciated to the Otter Creek Historical Society for the preservation of the historic Hamilton School.

