



Billy R Petrea

September 4, 1944 - May 29, 2024

Billy Ralph Petrea, 79, of Centralia, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born Sept 4, 1944 in Centralia, IL, born to Willis and Tella (Meredith) Petrea. He married Rose Marie Beadle in 1966 and they later divorced. They shared a daughter Melinda Hamburg of Pahrump, Nevada.

He married Karen (Ring) Petrea on November 20, 1977, and she survives in Centralia, IL. Billy will be mourned by his loving children and bonus children: Jeremy Bone (Rachel) of Marion, IL; Misty Wernsman (Brian), Kristy Adams (Kent) both of Centralia, IL.; John Bone (Jessi) of Centralia, Jeff Bone of Irvington. He is also survived by grandchildren: Heaven, Landon, Rachael, Lexie, Maddie, Chelsea, Haylea, Abbey, London, Leia, Britni, Caitlyn, Zoey, Paisley, and Caleb and several great grand-children.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Willis and Tella Petrea, a sister: Tressa Hickey, and his beloved fur baby Repunzel.

Billy served in the United States Army. He retired from Illinois Central Railroad as a locomotive engineer, after 38 years of service. He was a member of Central City Baptist Church. He was an antique power engine enthusiast, and always looked forward to attending the Antique Power Days. He also enjoyed Harley riding, blue grass music, fishing & hunting, and tinkering in the garage. In his younger days he was an avid roller skater, and loved showing off his

skills to his grandkids.

Billy never met a stranger, and was known for his outgoing personality.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 11:00 am at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Don Verhines and Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Military Honors will be accorded at the gravesite by the Centralia American Legion Post 446 and the Centralia V.F.W. Post 2055. Visitation will be held Monday, June 3, 2024 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, and the Centralia Humane Society and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, 618-532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Billy's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy R Petrea*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - June 03, 2024 at 04:33 PM

PB

These are the best things Sutherland can do for the family. Cherish each moment of the video.

Pamela Elliott Boettcher - June 04, 2024 at 11:12 PM

PB

We'll miss him

Pamela Elliott Boettcher - June 04, 2024 at 11:47 PM

PB

“ *I will always cherish the friendship that I had with Billy. His and Karen's marriage was a testament of true love. I will miss his smile and friendly words.*

Pamela Elliott Boettcher - June 04, 2024 at 11:03 PM

GT

“ Billy and Karen were always the best neighbors my parents could have. Billy would watch out for dad when he was outside doing things in his garden and just being helpful any time or day. May you have the peace in heaven Billy. Our prayers are with Karen and family.

GARY AND ANN TOEDTE - June 04, 2024 at 11:07 AM

KA

“ Billy and I were good friends since High School. After we both married we didn't see each other much but our Friendship was always there. I will miss him a lot. Goodby Billy.

Kenneth Arning - June 03, 2024 at 11:19 AM

LG

“ Love, Wayne and Kathy Gum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy R Petrea.

Love, Wayne and Kathy Gum - June 03, 2024 at 06:52 AM

LG

“ Love, Wayne and Kathy Gum purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Billy R Petrea.



Love, Wayne and Kathy Gum - June 03, 2024 at 06:52 AM

JB

“ Janice, Dee Ann & Lex, Brandon & Breanne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy R Petrea.

Janice, Dee Ann & Lex, Brandon & Breanne - May 31, 2024 at 06:33 PM

JB

“ Janice, Dee Ann & Lex, Brandon & Breanne purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Billy R Petrea.



Janice, Dee Ann & Lex, Brandon & Breanne - May 31, 2024 at 06:33 PM

MM

“ Matt, Michael, Laura, Doug, Mariann purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy R Petrea.



Matt, Michael, Laura, Doug, Mariann - May 31, 2024 at 08:58 AM



“ ... purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Billy R Petrea.



... - May 30, 2024 at 09:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy R Petrea.*



May 30, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy R Petrea.*



May 30, 2024 at 02:15 PM