



## Doug Gruen

November 16, 1974 - January 10, 2025

Doug "Floki" Gruen, 50, of Centralia, passed away Friday, January 10, 2025 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

He was born in Jacksonville, Arkansas on November 16, 1974 to Roger Lewis Gruen and Karen Ann (Stokes) Gruen. On May 28, 1996 he married the love of his life, Chrystal Meredith in Salem, IL .

Surviving is his wife of 28 years, Chrystal Gruen of Centralia; his mother, Karen Gruen of Sandoval; sons, Dakota Gruen (Dasani) of Columbia, Illinois and Blaine Gruen of Centralia; daughters, Christine Kniker (Jeremiah) of Centralia, Angela Gruen of Sandoval and Elizabeth Preston (Bryan) of Las Vegas, Nevada; brother, Glenn Gruen (Becky) of Centralia; sister, Lori Gruen of Sandoval; grandchildren, Eli Kniker, Earo Kniker of Centralia, Miles Gruen of Centralia, Holt Kniker of Irvington and soon to be grandson, Asher Gruen; Mother-in-law, Debbie Meredith of Centralia; brothers-in-law, Nick Meredith (Tracy) of Salem and Andy Meredith of Ashley; sister-in-law, Nicole Graham (Roger) of Centralia; several nieces and nephews and special friends and MC brothers, Paul "OffRoad" Havrilka (Melissa) and Matt "TinMan" Allen.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roger Gruen, a daughter, Montana Gruen and his father-in-law, Kenny Meredith.

Doug was a member of The Rock Church in Centralia and was a founding member of Last Disciples Church and Watchman MC. He loved spending time with the boys in the outdoors, hunting and fishing and taking care of his farm animals. He liked his cars, trucks and riding his motorcycle. He enjoyed working out at the gym, and being at The Rock Church.

Funeral services for Doug will be held Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 12pm at The Rock Church in Centralia with Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. A visitation will be held from 10am until the time of services at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Doug's Family. Online Condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

The Rock Church  
515 Airport Rd  
Centralia, IL 62801-6583  
(618) 533-3700

## Celebration of Life

JAN 22. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

The Rock Church  
515 Airport Rd  
Centralia, IL 62801-6583  
(618) 533-3700

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Doug Gruen*



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - January 21, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Doug Gruen.*



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January 20, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Doug Gruen.*

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January 15, 2025 at 05:16 PM