



## Jack Erlinger

May 30, 1971 - October 11, 2025

Jack Erlinger, a beloved papa, father, and son, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at the age of 54. He was born on Sunday, May 30, 1971, in Centralia, Illinois, the son of Tom Erlinger and Janet (Huffstetler) Erlinger. He resided in Nashville, Illinois.

Jack was a dedicated employee of Nascote, where he worked diligently in the factory, contributing to a company he held in high esteem. Outside of work, Jack had a passion for the great outdoors, finding joy in hunting, fishing, and attending motocross races. He was also an avid pool player and cherished the moments spent with his family, especially his grandchildren, who brought him immense joy.

Jack is survived by his mother, Janet Erlinger, of Centralia and his cherished children: TJ Erlinger and wife Libby of Sandoval, and Cheyenne Erlinger and fiancé Seth Hongsermeier of Centralia. He was a proud papa to Brooke, Kaylee, Lydia, Nicole, Easton, and Ava. Jack's devoted companion and partner for 33 wonderful years, Bobbie Sue Hegwood of Centralia.

His siblings, Paul Erlinger and wife Cami of Indiana, Stacy Farmer and husband Gary of Odin, Jeremy Erlinger of Centralia, and Jessie Erlinger of Centralia, mourn his loss deeply, as do his many nieces and nephews. Jack's extended circle included his best friend Tommy Evans and his family —

Chrissy, Bailey, Damon, and Buddy Thor— who were not just friends but his bonus family all of Centralia.

Jack was preceded in death by his father, Tom Erlinger.

A Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to his Grandchildren's College Fund and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Jack's Family during this difficult time. Online condolences may be made to his family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **18**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (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 Jack Erlinger*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - October 17, 2025 at 04:40 PM

BH

“ *Bobbie Hegwood lit a candle in memory of Jack Erlinger*



bobbie hegwood - October 28, 2025 at 10:48 PM

BH

*Always in my heart* 💜

bobbie hegwood - October 28, 2025 at 10:50 PM

SF

“ *Salem First Pentecostal Church Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jack Erlinger.*



Salem First Pentecostal Church Family - October 17, 2025 at 09:05 PM

WB

“ Jack was a great friend of mine and we had a lot of good times partying in our younger years. We would all hang out at Brads Arcade, shoot pool, and look for the next party. I have lots of memories of those times but wish that I had more of recent.

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**Willie Belcher** - October 16, 2025 at 11:40 PM