



Lonnie Backs

July 17, 1953 - April 28, 2023

Lonnie D. Backs, 69, of Centralia, passed away Friday, April 28, 2023.

He was born July 17, 1953 in Centralia, the son of Marvin Backs and LaVerne (Knollman) Backs. He married Tere Wilkinson on September 26, 1981 and she survives.

In addition to his mother: LaVerne Backs of Centralia, he is also survived by his wife of 41 years: Tere Backs of Centralia; two children: Amy Nichols and husband Jesse of Centralia and Kevin Backs of Centralia; five grandchildren: Brody Nichols, Reed Nichols, Hunter Nichols, Bentley Backs, and Mackenzie Nichols; two sisters: Karilyn Stull and husband Johnny of Centralia and Marilyn Stull and husband Richard of Florida; father-in-law: Lewell Wilkinson of Columbia, Missouri; brother-in-law: Kirk Wilkinson and wife Phyllis of Carlyle; sister-in-law: Kris Fry and husband Randy of Hartsburg, Missouri; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, a sister: Suzanne Slagley, brother: Gary Backs, and mother-in-law: Mary Ann Wilkinson.

Lonnie served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Constellation. He worked at Brenntag Industries for many years. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and hunting. Lonnie always loved drinking a cold beer with his family and friends. A Visitation will be held Tuesday, May 2, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Military Honors will be accorded at the funeral home at 7:00 PM by the Centralia American Legion Post 446 and the Centralia V.F.W. Post 2055. In lieu of flowers, memorial

donations may be made to the family, who will be choosing a charitable donation facility 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 the Backs Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

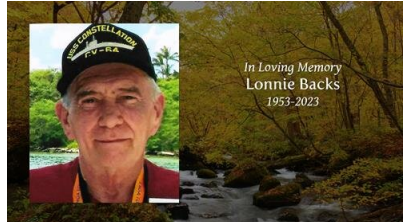
MAY 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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 Lonnie Backs*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - May 01, 2023 at 05:37 PM



“ *I'm sending my sympathy Tere, to you and the family. Prayers for strength for you all to get through this difficult time*

June Yann - May 01, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lonnie Backs.*



May 01, 2023 at 12:09 PM

JB

“ I’m so very sorry for the passing of my friend Lonnie. I enjoyed working with Lonnie & our many conversations since. He especially liked to talk about his grand children and bringing them up to our place to fish while sharing some of his wife’s world class zucchini bread! It was such a joy to talk and laugh with Lonnie, I will always smile when I think of him.

My heart and prayers go out to his family, Lonnie sure was a good man and will be missed.

*Rest in Peace my friend,
J.J. Best*

Jeff Best - April 29, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lonnie Backs.*



April 29, 2023 at 02:55 PM

DR

“ *Donna Rippy lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Backs*



Donna Rippy - April 29, 2023 at 08:32 AM

HM

“ So sorry to hear this, Lonnie was a great person me and my family lived across the tracks from him and his family.



Helen Maddox - April 29, 2023 at 12:59 AM

RA

“ Rose Ann Abernathy lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Backs



Rose Ann Abernathy - April 28, 2023 at 11:52 PM