



Olen Butch Border, Jr.

July 23, 1943 - August 2, 2022

Olen “Butch” Border Jr. 79, passed away, Tuesday, August 2, 2022 peacefully at his home with his family by his side. Butch was born July 23, 1943 in Central City, the son of Olen F Border Sr. and Grace (Phelps) Border. He married Carol Little in 1974 and they later divorced. He married Margaret Kohrig and she preceded him in death on August 13, 2018.

Butch is survived by a son; Nicholas Border of Centralia, a daughter; Greta (Border) Johnson and husband Justin of Texas; one granddaughter Sophia Johnson of Texas and 3 sisters; Lena Knight of St. Louis, Mo; Martha Baggett of Salem, Il and Sandra Harrison and husband Rocky Sr. of Georgia. He was also survived by many nieces and nephews; special friend Joice Litvinas and a host of cherished community and “Orphan Nation “friends. Butch was preceded in death by his parents Olen Sr. and Grace Border; and wife Margaret Border.

Butch grew up in Centralia, Illinois attending Central City Grade School class of 1957, where he played basketball his 6th, 7th and 8th grade years. He attended Centralia High School class of 1961 where he participated in Football, Basketball, and Track; was a member of the FBLA, Pep Club YFC and a Junior Seller. Butch went on to attend Centralia Junior College Class of 1963 before joining and serving four years in the U.S. Air Force. Butch work for BN-SF railroad for 28 years until he retired.

Butch has always been involved in many community events, boards and committees; he was the President of CHS All Sports Booster Club Since 1995

and Headup Fundraising, President of CHS Sports Hall Of Fame, Committee Member of Centralia Youth Football League, Co-Chair Celebration of 90 Years of Orphan Basketball (1996), Created " Wall of Fame " for all Staters, State Champions and All Star Teams, Kept the records for the Orphans "Americas Winningest Basketball Team, worked with Legislature to have highway signs designated " Winningest Team In The Nation " at 4 entrances into Centralia, Centralia Township Trustee, Centralia Township Clerk, Marion County Board Member, Salvation Army Board Member.

Butch was a friend to everyone who knew him; he was known as "The Golden Orphan"; always cheering on his favorite team. It did not matter what sporting event you were at, Butch was usually leading "The Orphanage " and getting the students and fans pumped up. Butch was always involved with CHS and the future of the young men and women and will always be remembered as Centralia High School's #1 "Orfan".

Funeral Services for Butch Border will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, August 5, 2022 at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia with Military Rites accorded at the grave by the American Legion Post 446 and the V.F.W. Post 2055. A visitation will be held Thursday, August 4, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Foyer of the front entrance of the Centralia High School gym. In memory of Butch, memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Border family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the funeral home's Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Centralia High School
2100 E Calumet St
Centralia, IL 62801
(618) 532-7391

Funeral Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Olen Butch Border, Jr.*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - August 04, 2022 at 12:38 PM

DR

What a beautiful video tribute. Smile on my face yet tears in my eyes watching such a wonderful man enjoying all there is/was to life. Rest In Peace Butch. ❤️Dena

Dena Rapp - August 04, 2022 at 08:21 PM



“ *REST IN PEACE BUTCH FROM JIM ED MCGINN QUINCY BLUE DEVILSQUINCY IL*

Ed McGinn - November 22, 2024 at 12:01 PM

DB

“ *So sorry, Greta. It's so very difficult to lose a close family member. I hope you keep all the good memories close to your heart.*

Diane Bernhardt - August 06, 2022 at 01:14 PM

LW

“ love, Rene and Randy Winkler purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Olen Butch Border, Jr..



love, Rene and Randy Winkler - August 04, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Olen Butch Border, Jr..



August 03, 2022 at 11:37 PM

DR

“ I am sending my heartfelt sympathies and condolences to his family. Butch was someone very special to me and I will always remember his smile, kindness, and great personality. ❤️ Dena Rapp

Dena Rapp - August 03, 2022 at 09:01 PM

CL

Thank you, Dena

carol little - August 04, 2022 at 10:35 AM

ML

Saundra, Martha, and Lena, George and I want to send our condolences to all of you. I will always remember the fun " Butchy" and I always had as children. He loved to tease me. Since Grace and my Mom (Shorty) spent so much time together, then so did we. I sure have great memories and he will surely be missed by all who knew and loved him. Love and blessings to you all, your cousin, Marilyn (Smallwood) and George Lollar.

Marilyn (Smallwood) Lollar - August 04, 2022 at 08:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Olen Butch Border, Jr..*



August 03, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Olen Butch Border, Jr..*



August 03, 2022 at 05:06 PM



“ *Butch was one of several that I wanted to see as we had not seen each other in several years. Thank you Cousin Sandra for wanting this get together that we all just had. We brought up memories of some things long forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family. ❤️ Gary and Doris Powell.*

Doris June Powell - August 03, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ *It's just not going to be same without him. Rest In Peace my friend. Sending prayers and thoughts to family and friends.*

Gayle Harris - August 03, 2022 at 03:25 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Olen Butch Border, Jr..*



August 03, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *Gonna miss you, Butcher! Won't be nearly as much fun without you here. Go Cards and Go Orphans! - Million Dollar*



Zach Roeckeman - August 03, 2022 at 10:21 AM