



Richard Blue, Sr.

January 6, 1940 - July 24, 2025

Richard Blue, Sr., 85, of Centralia, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at the age of 85. Born on January 6, 1940, in Centralia, Illinois. Richard lived a life full of love, service and adventure. He married Saunie (Hugo) Blue on March 24, 1961 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia and after sharing 64 years of blissful marriage, she preceded him in death on May 19, 2025.

Richard worked as a brick layer and owned his own bike shop. He was of the Lutheran faith and attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia and Hoffman. He proudly served in the Army. He was a member of the Centralia Elks Lodge 493 and the Centralia American Legion Post 446. He enjoyed antiquing, bowling and restoring old cars.

Richard is survived by his loving daughter, Tracie Sill and husband Terry; his beloved grandchildren, Cody Sill and Molly Sill; his devoted friend and caregiver, Brenda Hubbs of Centralia as well as his son, Rick Blue and wife Pam of Odin, and a grandchild, Kelsie Blue. He is also fondly remembered by several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Charles Blue and Henrietta (Roper) Miller, his wife, Saunie Blue, brother, Alan Cohlmeier, and special grandparents who was a large part of his life, Paul Roper and Wilma

Donahue-Roper.

Per Richard's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and a visitation for family and friends will be held Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia from 5:00pm to 6:45 pm with military rites at 6:45 pm at the Funeral Home. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all who have expressed condolences and support. In memory of Richard, memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 N. Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 618-532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Blue family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 5:00 PM - 6:45 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 Richard Blue, Sr.*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - July 29, 2025 at 09:03 AM

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“ *Rick, sorry to hear abput both of your folks. I rarely go to visitations anymore, and under the circumstances, i didn't know just exactly what to do. Always thought a lot of your parents,and hated to hear this. Stll your bud. Kevin.*

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“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard Blue, Sr..*



July 28, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Blue, Sr..*

July 28, 2025 at 11:17 AM