



Thomas Willis Beard

June 8, 1941 - November 27, 2024

Thomas Beard, 83, of Salem, passed away on November 27th, 2024, at Helia Healthcare of Salem. He was born in Bakersfield California on June 8th, 1941, to Willis and Leona (Williams) Beard.

Thomas is survived by a sister: Leona Keith of Russellville, Arkansas; a niece: Cindy Johnson (Dean Harper) of Salem; 3 great-nieces: Dovie Kirtley (Nick Benjamin) of Salem, Roxann Johnson of Salem, and Kandace (Harvey) Dagg of Salem; 2 great-nephews: Steven Tate (Dannelle Townsend) of Iuka, Jacob (April) Tate of Pierron, Illinois; as well as 12 great great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Willis and Leona Beard; and a brother: Ronald Beard.

Thomas was a simple man that liked watching WWE wrestling and Ice Road Truckers. He most enjoyed spending time with his family. He will be missed by his family and those that knew him.

Cremation rites were accorded per family wishes. Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home, 310 N. Broadway Salem, Illinois, (618)548-1234, is honored to be of service to Thomas' family, at this time. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Funeral Home Facebook page