



## Arthur J. "Bud" Beier

November 24, 1943 - April 6, 2025

Arthur J. "Bud" Beier, age 81 of Mattoon, IL passed away on Sunday, April 6, 2025, at his residence.

A graveside service in his honor will be held at 1:00 PM, Monday, April 14, 2025, at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. Pastor Scott Thompson will officiate. Military Rites will be conducted by Mattoon VFW Post 4325. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services

Arthur was born on November 24, 1943, in Bloomington, IL to the late Guy F. and R. Nadine (Lee) Beier. He was raised by his mother and stepfather, James Merrill, after his father's early passing. He married Sandra K. Eaton on July 24, 1962, in New Buffalo, MI; she survives and resides in Mattoon, IL. He is also survived by one son, James G. Beier and wife Lisa of Aurora, IL; one daughter, Kimberly N. (Beier) Cline of Columbus Junction, IA; two grandchildren, Alex and Jessica Beier of Aurora, IL; and one sister, Linda Merrill of Iowa. He was preceded in death by one sister, Janet Emmert; and one son-in-law, Allen Cline.

Taking an early interest in the armed forces, Art attended the Western Military Academy in Alton, IL during high school. He later joined the United States Airforce and served for nine years. Within that time frame, he was part of a helicopter rescue team in Turkey.

In 1973, Art graduated from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL. He was a deputy sheriff and detective in Coles County IL for more than twenty-

two years before his retirement.

Having a passion for martial arts, Art earned his 10th degree Jujutsu and was awarded the title of Soke, meaning the Founder of Shin Ken Ki Jujutsu. For more than thirty years he taught at Kobudokan Dojo Martial Arts Studio in Champaign, IL.

Art had a fondness for playing golf with his brother-in-law, Gary Eaton. This was an outing they both enjoyed, even though they did not play up to par. As a husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, Art will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Memorial donations in his honor may be made to VFW Post 4325, 1220 S. 19th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

Dodge Grove Cemetery  
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Mattoon, IL 61938

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Grandpa will be dearly missed by me and all of my family, he was a kind and wise man who I loved spending time with and learning from. He lived an excellent life and was an inspiration to many with his martial arts skills, art skills, and good character. He will live on in the lessons that he has taught to all those around him. I hope he rests easy and enjoys his peace now. Love you Grandpa!

-Jessica Beier

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**Jessica Beier** - April 14, 2025 at 10:41 AM

LB

“ Bud was a wonderful father-in-law to me and we grew closer as the years went by. He was so easy to talk to and loved to share his knowledge and life experiences. He had so many hobbies and was so good at them! He loved martial arts, guns and shooting, art, bowling, and golf among other things. I loved to listen to his stories of his time in the military, his work as a police detective, and the stories of Jim throughout his youth and adult years. They were always entertaining to listen to!

He had a big influence on his two grandchildren. Jessica shares his love of martial arts and everything art related. He loved to teach her about drawing and willed her many of his art and martial arts books that she holds very valuable to her heart. Alex loved to go to Home Depot and Bass Pro Shop with Bud every time Bud and Sandy visited our home. They had that time together and both shared a LOVE of Kit Kat bars.

Jim was very close to his “Pop” and thought the world of him! They also shared a love of golf and shooting as well as the pride of serving in the military.

Bud was also a very devoted husband to Sandy. They met at the age of 14 and have been together since. He loved her so much and I loved to watch him take care of her. He would make sure she had anything she needed and was very doting.

We will all miss him very much and will hold on to the wonderful memories from over the years.

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**Lisa Beier** - April 11, 2025 at 04:43 PM

JA

“ Jim, Lisa, Jessica and Alex purchased the With Distinction for the family of Arthur J. "Bud" Beier.



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Jim, Lisa, Jessica and Alex - April 11, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Arthur J. "Bud" Beier.



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April 09, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arthur J. "Bud" Beier.

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April 09, 2025 at 12:07 PM

DG

“ Don and I are sending our thoughts and prayers to your Mom, you and family. We will be praying for God to be with you and family. That God will give each of you the peace that passes all understanding. We so love you and your beautiful family. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

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Don and Dianne Giordano - April 08, 2025 at 08:34 PM

LC

“ Sandy, Jimmy, Kim, and family, please know that Sandy and I are thinking of you during this difficult time. Our hearts go out to you. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.



Lonny & Sandy Cooper - April 08, 2025 at 08:23 PM

NS

Kim. My deepest condolences on the death of your father.

Norma Stephen - April 09, 2025 at 07:46 PM

TH

Sharon and I are sorry to hear of Bud's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Terry and Sharon Holderfield

Terry Holderfield - April 09, 2025 at 08:46 PM

DW

Sandy, Jim, Kim, and all of the Family, we send Our Love, and Heartfelt Sympathies to you All on the Great Loss of our Dear Friend, Bud.

Bud was Always a Wonderful and Kind man, and we enjoyed ALL of the Times we have spent together over the years with Bud and Sandy and Family.

Bud was a Wonderful Husband, Father, Father-in-Law to our Daughter Lisa, and, Grandfather to Jessica, and Alex.

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you All at this most difficult time.

Doug and Patty Wyse.

Doug & Patty Wyse - April 11, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ Art was nice man, shared Tai Chi with my husband and I.



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**C Donley** - April 08, 2025 at 06:17 PM