



Stephen L. "Rooster" Russell

August 26, 1952 - June 22, 2012

Trilla, IL-Stephen L. "Rooster" Russell, age 59, of Trilla, IL, passed away at 10:01 a.m., Friday, June 22, 2012, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Care Center in Mattoon, IL.\r\nThe funeral service in his honor will begin at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938. Reverend Don Nichols will officiate. Interment will be in Janesville Cemetery, Janesville, IL. The visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday June 26, 2012 at the funeral home.\r\nBorn August 26, 1952, in Mattoon, IL, Stephen was the son of Lewis and Phyllis (Best) Russell. He married Linda Nelson on December 22, 1993, in Charleston, IL. He is survived by his loving wife Linda Russell of Trilla, IL, His two children, Luke Russell of Mattoon, IL and Tiffany Boyett of Toledo, IL. Other survivors include his brother Roger Russell and wife Betty of Indiana, His sister Hilda Trent and husband Carl of Indiana. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Stephen is also survived by his dog, Cody and his horse Chester. He was preceded in death by his brother David Russell, Two sisters- in- law Phyllis and Carol, and his nephew Jimmy Russell.\r\nStephen graduated from Charleston High School in 1970 and from Lake Land College in 1972. He worked with the Upchurch Group Engineering Firm of Mattoon for over 40 years. He was a member of the Eagles of Mattoon, Janesville Cemetery Board, NRA, AMA and the Central Illinois Motorcycle Club. He was also an active member and employee of the Coles County Dragway, where he spent over 15 years as the Event Director. He was a St. Louis Cardinals fan as well

as a NASCAR fan. He enjoyed traveling to Yankee Stadium in Hickory Valley, TN for the National Bird Dog Trials. Some of his hobbies included Muscle cars, Harleys, Horseback Riding, Camping, Woodworking, and Traveling to Sturgis but most importantly Stephen cherished spending time with his family.\r\nMemorials in his honor may be made to the local Animal Shelter or Janesville Cemetery.\r\nPlease visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com to light a virtual candle in his honor and share a memory with his family.\r\n

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen L. "Rooster" Russell*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *We send our heart felt condolences to you--- Steve's family, upon the occasion of his death. When Steve was only a teenager we knew he was destined for success because of his genuine kindness, his discipline, and his great smile. Steve cheered us many times in our early ministry on his many visits to our home with his wonderful parents. As you continue this journey of life without Steve, may your memories of all the good times sustain you. We will always cherish our memories of Steve. You are in our thoughts and prayers and you do not grieve alone.*

Joe & Carol Brown - June 27, 2012 at 02:11 AM



“ *My condolences to the family.*

Gina Grove Smitherman - June 26, 2012 at 02:16 PM



“ *Dear Hilda, Carl, and family,*
Jim and I are so very sorry about your brother. We grieve your loss with you. We will be praying for you this week, as you enter in to saying goodbye to Steve. We love you.
Kim and Jim Burton

Kim Burton - June 26, 2012 at 04:54 AM

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“ *Linda, Don and I wanted to send you our deepest sympathy and prayers for your sudden and tragic loss. You are in our prayers and thoughts.*

Don and Angie Lovell - June 25, 2012 at 11:38 PM