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Ralph "Sam" Wilkerson, Jr.

Springfield, IL
Monday, December 4, 2023
1963-2023 (Age 60)

Ralph "Sam" Wilkerson, Jr., 60, of Springfield, passed away on Monday, December 4, 2023 at Barnes Jewish Hospital. He was born on April 5, 1963 in Springfield, IL. He married his high school sweetheart, Stacey Jo Dodd and she survives.

Also surviving Sam are his daughters, Cassidy Dodd and Taylor Dodd, both of Springfield; grandchild, Rylee (Toby McTamney) of Springfield; brother, Jimmy Cottrill of Springfield; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Conzona "Connie" Cleary; grandparents, George and Velma Kelley; and beloved pup, Lucy.

He attended high school in both Athens and Springfield, then graduated from Lanphier in 1981. He worked for the City of Springfield for over 30 years and retired as the Director of Motor Vehicle Parking. After retirement, he went on to work for Downtown Parking Inc. He loved racing sprint cars at all the various dirt tracks in Central IL. He had a love for vintage cars, especially his prized 1966 Impala SS. You could find Sam attending and supporting many of the athletics at Illinois College, which was near and dear to him. He was an avid white tail deer hunter, and recently became a chicken farmer at the hobby farm in Cantrall. On top of these hobbies, he was talked into flipping homes by his beloved wife, Stacey. He also loved being a "dance dad" at Radiate Dance Co.

Visitation: 3:00 – 6:00 PM, Friday, December 8, 2023 at Staab Funeral Home – Springfield.

Funeral Service: 6:00 PM, Friday, December 8, 2023 at Staab Funeral Home – Springfield with Pastor Calvin Miller officiating. Cremation will be accorded following services.

Burial will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Illinois College Varsity Club.

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