

OBITUARIES



MICHAEL ROBERT WALL

Michael Robert Wall passed away leaving behind a tremendous void in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. He was the beloved son, husband, brother, and grandfather survived by Keri Wall (Junker); devoted father to Brenden (Erin) Wall, and Kailyn (Connor) Belawich; and a proud and loving grandfather to Kit and Delilah, who brought immense joy and pride to his life. Additional family members include Elizabeth Crawford (mother), Cindy Wall (sister) and nieces Caitlyn (Chase) Henrichs, Michaela (Cody) Huels and step brother Paul Crawford.

Michael was preceded in death by Robert Wall (father) Ronald Junker (father-in law)-and Doug Crawford.

More than anything, Michael loved his family. He was the kind of father and grandfather who showed up without hesitation, offered unwavering support, and made the people he loved feel safe, valued, and deeply cared for. His presence brought comfort, laughter, and strength, and his love will continue to live on in the hearts of his family forever.

Michael never met a stranger and was truly a friend to all. He had a rare gift for making everyone feel welcome, valued, and supported. To so many, he was more than a friend - he was a mentor, a coach, and a father figure. Whether on the sidelines coaching, offering advice, or simply being there when someone needed him most, Michael impacted countless lives with his steady guidance, encouragement, and generous heart.

He shared a lifelong brotherhood with his childhood friends, who became like family, and formed many cherished friendships through Sigma Chi. These relationships remained a meaningful and important part of his life. Michael attended Immanuel Lutheran Church, where his compassion, kindness, and servant heart reflected the values he carried every day.

A passionate sports fan and avid golfer, Michael found joy in competition, camaraderie, and the simple moments spent with family and friends. He loved deeply, gave freely, and lived in a way that made others feel like family.

Michael will be remembered for his unwavering love, his selfless spirit, and the countless lives he touched. Though his passing leaves an immeasurable loss, his legacy of love, faith, friendship, and devotion will live on in all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home located at 504 N. Walnut Ave. in Freeport, IL. A memorial service will follow immediately from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., also at the Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home.

A memorial has been established in Michael's memory.



ROBERT LESLIE QUINN JR.

Robert Leslie Quinn Jr., 78, of Henry, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 2:30 a.m. at Lacon Rehab & Nursing.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Calvert & Johnson Memorial Home in Henry. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the memorial home. Burial will follow at the Henry Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Henry Fire Protection District.

Robert was born August 27, 1947, in Henry, IL to Leslie and Shirley (Morse) Quinn. He married Mary Collander on August 5, 1972, in Pekin, IL. She survives in Henry. Also surviving are his children, David Quinn of Henry, Kelli (Jason Jahnke) Quinn of Marengo, and Carrie (Joseph Williams) Quinn of Indianapolis, IN, and his siblings, Yvonne Quinn of New York, New York, Dal (Christine) Quinn of Henry, and Kenneth (Amy) Quinn of Monmouth.

His parents and one brother, Duane Quinn, preceded him in death.

Robert was a member of St. John's Anglican Church in Henry. He was a former volunteer fireman with the Henry Fire Protection District.

Robert worked at Conserv FS

as a LP salesman and later as an over-the-road driver with Fed Ex. He enjoyed many types of motor-sports, especially NASCAR, as well as model railroad trains.

Online condolences may be made to: www.calvertmemorial.com.



DONALD GLEN BIGGAR

Donald Glen Biggar, age 74, of Sparland, Illinois, passed away peacefully at Carle Methodist Hospital on Saturday, May 9, 2026.

Don was born on September 1, 1951, in Peoria, the son of Glen James and Shirley Mae (Cain) Biggar. He was a Sparland High School graduate and went on to build a life defined by dedication, hard work, and a deep love for his family.

On July 11, 1971, Don married the love of his life, Judy Ann Kent, at the Chillicothe United Methodist Church. This July, they would have shared 55 years of marriage filled with devotion, laughter, and enduring partnership.

Don dedicated 50 years of his career to Akron, Inc., reaching this remarkable milestone in February of this year. In his later years, he took pride in driving his semi-truck and was especially proud to spend his final weeks behind the wheel of his 2027 Kenworth Legacy Edition.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judy Biggar; his son, Shawn (Kellie Branch-Dircks) Biggar; his daughter, Marcy Biggar; his grandson, Austin Adams; and his bonus

granddaughter, Lauren Dircks. He is also survived by his siblings, Donna Biggar and Tom Biggar.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Everett Biggar.

Don was known for his strong work ethic and his passions outside of work. He was an avid collector of farm toys and proudly served the Lacon-Sparland Fire Department for 30 years, holding positions as Assistant Chief and Captain during his tenure. Above all, he was a devoted dog lover who found great joy in spoiling his beloved companions, Misty and Calie Jo.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at LaPrairie United Presbyterian Church. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m., Pastor Ron Martz of the First United Methodist Church, Chillicothe, will officiate with burial immediately following the service, in the Church Cemetery. A meal and time of fellowship will follow at 12:00 p.m.

In Lieu of Flowers or Plants, memorial contributions may be made to the LaPrairie Cemetery Fund, United Presbyterian Women's Group, or The Ark Animal Rescue.

The Lenz Memorial Home, 823 Fifth St., Lacon IL is serving the family. (309) 246-2465.



RONALD L. KELLY

Ronald L. Kelly, age 73, of Hopewell, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at his home.

Ronald was born on February 27, 1953 in Peoria, IL to the late William E. and Betty (Dawson) Kelly.

Surviving is his son, Drew Kelly of Hopewell; Drew's mom, Laurel Tucker-Siemers of Chillicothe; Ron's girlfriend, Amy Gentil of Henry; his beloved, German Shepard, Clare; his longtime best friend, Rocky Harbor of Lacon and many extended Crabel, Kelly and Dawson family members, including his cousins Shawn, Shannon and Scott Crabel of Chillicothe.

Ron graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Bradley University. He dedicated 38 years working with youth in the area as an addiction counselor at The Children's Home of Peoria and Youth Farm. Ron was also a talented drummer which also became his son's passion as well. While attending Bradley University in the 70's Ron was the drummer in two bands: "Kilgore Trout" and "The Other Side" which later became the band known as "Eargasm." Ron loved having "battle of the drums" sessions with Drew in their basement where they also recorded music, leaving Drew with many beautiful memories.

Ron also was a huge nature buff who loved to hike. He also seemed to have 20/20 vision every spring when moral mushroom season began. He was the families Moral Mushroom King!

Another passion of Ron's was cooking and Mexican food. He loved to grown a variety of extremely hot peppers, leaving his family to wonder if he had any taste buds left! Ron's sense of humor and quick wit will be missed, but never forgotten. Ron was of strong Christian faith and no doubt believed Jesus Christ.

Cremation rites will be accorded with a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Weber-Hurd Funeral Home in Chillicothe. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: The Children's Home Association of Illinois, 2130 N. Knoxville Ave, Peoria, IL 61603, to be designated to Scott's Prairie where a memorial is being planned in Ron's memory with benches and paths for youth.

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May Events

Lacon Area Community Center

May 13-Wed.	11:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm	Lutheran Church Service Sparland Baptist Bible Study Card Players (call for more info.)
May 16-Sat.	10:00 am	Scrapbooking Crop
May 18-Mon.	9:00 am	Luminous Unveiled Homeschool Co-op
May 20-Wed.	11:00 am 6:00 pm	Lutheran Church Service Card Players (call for more info.)
May 25-Mon.	9:00 am	Luminous Unveiled Homeschool Co-op
May 27-Wed.	11:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm	Lutheran Church Service Sparland Baptist Bible Study Card Players (call for more info.)

For more information about any of these programs, other activities and building rental use please contact us: (309)246-4050 Laconcommunitycenter@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.