

## WILLIAM E. BEARD



William E. Beard, 66 of East Peoria, died June 30th at 6:39 pm at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. William was born on September 18, 1952, in Peoria the son of William H. and Betty (Duran) Beard.

He married Brenda Gumm on December 21, 1974, in Peoria, she survives. Also surviving are 4 children Crystal (Andy) Ackman of Creve Coeur, Stacy Gumm, Billie Joe Beard and Scott Beard all of East Peoria. 1 brother Bruce (Lynn) Beard of Creve Coeur, 1 sister Blenda Brown of Metamora. 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. William was preceded in death by his parent and 1 brother Britt.

William was an Army Veteran serving in Vietnam, he later worked at Caterpillar and then Bogards Remodeling. He loved farming and being with his animals.

Williams' memorial service will be on Wednesday at 6 pm at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the services (5-6pm). Cremation Rites have been accorded. Memorials may be made to his family.