**Joel Dean Brasher**

**November 11, 1953 – June 17, 2025**



**EAST PEORIA ~ Joel Dean Brasher, 71, of East Peoria, passed away at 6:33 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at his residence.**

**Born November 11, 1953 in Peoria to Ray Elias and Ruby Lee (King) Brasher, he married Verba Jean "V.J." Meek on October 4, 2002 in Peoria. She survives.**

**Also surviving are three children, Jacob "Jake" (Pamela) Brasher of Washington, Jacy (Jason) Biggs of London Mills and Jeni (Chris) Wagner of Pekin; seven grandchildren, Alexander, Rachel, Elias, Meghan, C.J., Kirsten and Chase; four great-grandchildren, Nola, Remy, Christopher and Abigail; two brothers, Jack (Laurie) Brasher of Creve Coeur and Donald (Elaine) Brasher of East Peoria and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He also leaves his beloved dog, Mason.**

**He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James Lutrell and David Lutrell and two sisters, Dovie McMinn and Lessie Atwood.**

**A 1971 graduate of East Peoria Community High School, he then earned his associate's degree from Illinois Central College in Horticulture.**

**He retired from Commercial Irrigation & Turf in East Peoria. He was also a retired member of the Plumbers & Pipefitters Union.**

**He was an outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, and canoeing. He also enjoyed listening to music, mostly country and classic rock.**

**A celebration of life gathering will be held Sunday. August 10, 2025 at 1 p.m. at the Pekin Marine Corps League at 13370 Garman Road. Cremation has been accorded by Preston-Hanley Funeral Homes & Crematory in Pekin.**

**Memorial contributions may be made to Tazewell Animal Protective Society, 100 Taps Lane, Pekin, IL 61554.**