



# Matthew L English

August 11, 1950 - June 8, 2017

Matthew L. English

Matthew L. English, 66, of Washington, Illinois passed away on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Heartland Health Center in Peoria. Matthew was born on July 11, 1950 in Normal the son of Matthew L and Eleanor (Allen) English. His family operated a soft drink bottling company in Normal and he began his education there. With the sale of the company he moved to Washington, IL where he attended elementary and high schools. He then attended Illinois Central College and graduated with an Associate of Science degree. Matthew became an automobile mechanic and worked at several different companies over the years. He then obtained employment at an automobile parts store for the next several years. Matthew had several hobbies including his primary love of HO model trains. His basement was a train lovers paradise. He also loved to rebuild old vehicles. He helped friends whenever possible.

Matthew is survived by two brothers, Richard English of Normal and George English of Maryville, Missouri. Along with several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites were accorded. Private services will be held. Inurnment will be at the Braceville Gardner Cemetery.

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# Comments

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“ I served with Matt on the 2008 Class of 1968 committee. He never missed a reunion so he was well suited as a committee member. Sorry for your loss which is also a loss for all who spent time with him at the reunions.

**Debbie Jones** - June 29, 2017 at 09:16 PM

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“ I am very sorry to read about Pete passing away. I wish to express my sympathy.

I remember as a young boy, he loved his electric trains. On one of our stays at Aunt Florence and Uncle Luke's house, they took us somewhere that had a huge HO train layout with an overhead platform where from there, someone controlled all the train activity. There were about 6 trains running at the same time with switches, crossing guards and even a round house. Both, Pete and I enjoyed it very much.

With Deepest Sympathy,  
Barry Jaicomo

**Barry Jaicomo** - June 13, 2017 at 08:43 PM

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“ I remember my high school years with Matt with fondness. He was always smiling and treated everyone with kindness. Matt was a joy to be around and I am a better person for having known him. My deepest sympathies go out to his family and loved ones. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Mike Jones

**Mike Jones** - June 13, 2017 at 08:28 AM

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“ I remember when 'Pete' came to Central Grade School, I think in 7th grade. I went to his house and saw his train collection, it was very impressive. Pete was a member of our basketball team and a dear friend. I looked forward to seeing him at our reunions. My condolences to the family.



