



CJ Keys

September 27, 1955 - May 24, 2021

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Age 65, of Braidwood, IL passed away peacefully with his family by his side, Monday, May 24, 2021 at his home. Born September 27, 1955 in Paris, IL to the late Dilver Wayne and Barbara Jean (nee Rinesmith) Keys. CJ graduated from the Paris High School and soon after joined the military, serving for the United States Army. He was a correctional sergeant at Stateville Correctional Center, retiring in 2005 after twenty-seven years of employment. He enjoyed gardening and loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Surviving are two daughters, Megan Keys of Braidwood and Rebecca (Andrew) Makula of Niles, IL; one son, Wayne (Taylor) Keys of Lowell, IN; seven grandchildren, Edward, Audrey, Makenzie, Emily, Addison, Allissa, and Elizabeth; one sister, Gail (Richard) Loew of Edwardsville, IL; one brother, TA (Holly) Keys of The Villages, FL; numerous nieces and nephews; and father-in-law, Paul Gilligan of Mahomet, IL. Preceding him in death were his parents; wife, Katherine Ann (nee Gilligan) Keys, whom he married June 17, 1983 in Paris, IL; daughter, April Keys; and mother-in-law, Shirley Gilligan. Cremation rites will be accorded. Private services will be held at later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be directed to the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago: <https://epilepsy-chicago.org/get-involved/how-to-give/> in honor of his grandson, Edward who currently suffers from this medical disorder.

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Tribute Wall

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“ So, so, so, sorry for your loss.
He was an awesome and one of the kindest
people I know.
He will be truly missed. Him and Eddie were
like 2 peas in a pod.
I enjoyed his company when we went out with the kids.
Sending love and prayers to you and your family.



Sheri Paraday - May 30, 2021 at 09:25 AM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. He was so good with your son Eddie. The
love between grandpa & grandson was always so easy to see.
Prayers for you & your family. 🙏

Dena Lamb - May 28, 2021 at 12:32 AM

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“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with
you all. Praying that God will richly bless you during this time of
grieving and may He comfort you and give you the peace you need.
I pray this in the name of Jesus. amen

Karen Tighe - May 26, 2021 at 05:32 PM

KB

“ Megan, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. May he rest in peace.
Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.
Kim Bernard

Kim Bernard - May 26, 2021 at 08:01 AM