



## Dean E. Sharper

June 15, 1948 - June 21, 2023

Dean E. Sharper

Age 75, of Essex, IL, passed away Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. Born June 15, 1948 in Kankakee, IL to the late Elmer and Doris (nee Dau) Sharper. Dean retired from Dresden Generating Station in Morris, IL. He married Patricia Zap on August 20, 1983 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Bonfield, IL. Dean was an EMT for the Essex Fire Department for 15 years. He enjoyed riding and working on his motorcycle, an avid NASCAR fan, he enjoyed drag racing and drove a stock car at the Kankakee Speedway. Dean loved his dogs and adored his daughter. He also enjoyed working outside and in his garage and was known to “wheel and deal”. Surviving are his wife, Patricia (nee Zap) Sharper of Essex; daughter, Ladena (Patrick) Appel of Burnsville, MN; two grandchildren, Kameron Dohnansky and Kellen Appel; two brothers, Don (Judy) Sharper and Denny Sharper, all of Essex; sister, Diane (Danny) Harper of Essex; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents. Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 from 4-7 p.m. Funeral service will also be at the funeral home on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Bonfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dwight, IL.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **27**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
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Braidwood, IL 60408  
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## Service

JUN **28**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Very fond memories of working with Dean in Radwaste. He taught me most of what I know about it. I will miss you my friend. RIP.*

Roger Stobert - July 09, 2023 at 10:40 AM

HM

“ *Our condolences to the Sharper family. Harvie and Mary Mills*

Harvie Mills - June 27, 2023 at 12:26 PM

LA

“ *god rest your soul Dean , may the wind always be at your back and now you'll be riding again with Bird ! Larry .B*

LarryB - June 27, 2023 at 09:47 AM

TB

“ *Dean was one of my brothers in a round about way. Worked for him and with him for many years. He had a good life and always did what he wanted. God rest his sole.*

Terry Bennett - June 27, 2023 at 07:59 AM



“ *95 files added to the album Life Tributes*



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - June 26, 2023 at 01:47 PM

MC

“ *Sincere condolences.  
Sue and Pat Foley  
Michele and Matt Cannon*

Michele Cannon - June 26, 2023 at 11:40 AM

SS

“ Dean was a good man, he will be missed by those of us who were fortunate enough to have crossed paths with him, may he rest in peace, prayers to his family. Shannon S.

Shannon S - June 26, 2023 at 10:53 AM

TZ

“ Patty, I'm sorry for your loss. Even though time has separated us, I will always remember our shenanigans on Custer Park road. And know that I'm thinking of you now and praying for you in this difficult time.  
Teresa (Nalley) Zenke

Teresa Zenke - June 25, 2023 at 12:31 PM

LB

“ Pat, I'm so sorry for your loss. ...thinking of you and lifting you in prayer for comfort, peace and strength.....much love to you....Your best friend from High School, Lora Bennett...tried to look you up on FB....

Lora Bennett - June 24, 2023 at 09:36 PM

PK

“ Patty, I'm so sorry for your loss. My parents were good friends of Deans parents. Sending you comfort and strength and prayers .  
Pam Davis Kammann

pamela davis kammann - June 24, 2023 at 06:35 PM

PK

“ pamela kammann lit a candle in memory of Dean Sharper



pamela davis kammann - June 24, 2023 at 06:32 PM

SV

“ Susan Vining lit a candle in memory of Dean Sharper



Susan Vining - June 24, 2023 at 04:37 PM