



## James "Jay" Hefner

July 4, 1960 - August 30, 2021

Age 61, of Essex, IL, passed away on Monday, August 30, 2021 at his home. Born July 4, 1960 in Morristown, TN to the late James R. "Red" and Ava Marie (nee Mitchell) Hefner. As much as Jay enjoyed fishing he also enjoyed his job as a millwright and was very hard worker. Surviving are two children, Jodi (Dave) Decker of Pekin, IL and Kevin Hefner of Essex; three grandchildren, Jacob (Michelle) States, Hannah, and Matthew Decker; one great-granddaughter, Gabrielle States; three sisters, Barb Smothers and Becky Ledbetter both of Southern IL, and Linda Sue Kendrick of OK; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; and wife, Sandra J. (nee Smith) Hefner (6-11-2010) whom he married January 13, 1979 in Essex. Cremation rites have been accorded. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest easy...condolences to Kevin and family*

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**steven mcc** - September 03, 2021 at 11:11 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear this. Our Thoughts and prayers go out to his family.❤️❤️*



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**Pat and Bob Swisher** - September 01, 2021 at 11:49 AM

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“ *Loved you like a big brother! You and Jimmy and I had some great times... you will be forever missed but never forgotten... God Bless*



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**Michele Steichen** - September 01, 2021 at 08:49 AM

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

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**Michele Cannon** - August 31, 2021 at 08:47 PM