



Mervin Gerald Erickson

February 8, 1942 - September 11, 2023

Mervin G. Erickson

Age 81, of Coal City, IL, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 11, 2023 at his home surrounded by loved ones. Mervin was born in Sisseton, SD to Erling and Lillian Erickson. He served with the National Guard. He came to Illinois to work for Caterpillar Tractor Company. He met and married Betty Harvey in 1966. They raised three beautiful daughters. He retired from Caterpillar after 30 plus years. After retirement Mervin and Betty returned to South Dakota for 21 years before family in Illinois lured them back. Mervin loved buying and repairing cars. He especially enjoyed fixing up cars for his daughters and teaching them how to maintain them. He also enjoyed the outdoors by fishing, hunting, riding ATVs. Mervin was an avid card player who also enjoyed a trip to a casino. Most of all, Mervin loved to spend time with his whole family. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Betty; three daughters, Tammy (Mike, deceased) Marizza, Cindy (Paul) Hill, and Sherri (David) Garrett; five grandchildren, Mike (Dani) Marizza, Jeremy (Kiannah) Hill, Emily (Adam) Holley, Anthony (Sam) Garrett, Kayla Garrett (Kevin Perry); fourteen great grandchildren (soon to be blessed with a 15th) Also surviving Mervin are six sisters all living in South Dakota, Gayle (Ronnie, deceased) Lotzer, Judy (Roger) Crooks, Sandy (Elroy) Madsen, Susie (Neil, deceased) Weeks, Glenda (Randy) Rudebusch, and Carol (Kent) Nielsen. Mervin was preceded in death by his parents; his wife's parents; a son-in-law; a brother; a sister; two half brothers; two sister-in-laws; six brother-in-laws; and a number of nieces

and nephews. Cremation rites have been accorded. Services will be private.
R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory entrusted with arrangements.