



Robert C. Burger Jr.

April 11, 1955 - August 28, 2016

METAMORA- Robert C. Burger Jr., 61, of Metamora, passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2016 at 11:50 P.M. at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Robert was born on April 11, 1955 in Peoria to Robert C. Sr. and Judy Ann Leurig Burger. He married Donna Volk on June 5, 2004 in Metamora. She survives and resides in Metamora.

Also surviving is his mother, Judy Ann Burger of Washington; children, Kara (Justin) Kelch of Washington and Jake Burger of East Peoria; stepchildren, Krystal Marks and Brian (Katie Henry) Volk, both of Des Moines, IA; six grandsons; one great-granddaughter; four siblings, Rebecca (Dan) Muffler of Seneca, Daniel (Wenonah) Burger of Tallahassee, FL, Jennifer (Roy) Gamber of Metamora and Elizabeth (John) Binning of Bloomington; several nieces and nephews; and five foreign exchange students whom Robert and Donna opened their home to over the years.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Robert was a 1973 graduate of East Peoria High School. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He spent the last 42 years working as a lineman for AT&T.

He was a member of Faith Evangelical Free Church in Metamora. He loved everything about nature and the outdoors. He was an excellent gardener and loved all animals.

Memorial contributions may be made to Foster Pet Outreach.

A funeral service for Robert will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory in East Peoria. Pastor Dan Leman will officiate. There will be a visitation on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 from 4:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Interment will be at Fondulac Township Cemetery in East Peoria.

Cemetery Details

Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **31**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - East Peoria
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Service

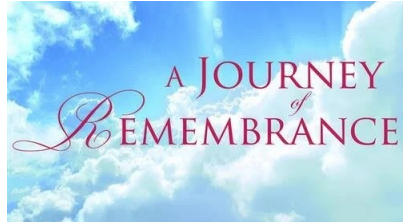
SEP **1**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert C. Burger Jr.*



Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - August 31, 2016 at 03:25 PM

DB

“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Donna Burger - September 09, 2016 at 03:10 PM

“My husband was the best thing that has ever happened to me. He had a great sense of humor and was an extremely hard worker. He worked at work then would come home and work at his home he loved. He was a simple man and knew so much about life, he could tell you what bird was singing, he could walk through the woods and tell you the names of the trees, or flowers and could spot poison ivy from a distance. He would glance outside and see a deer, turkey or a fox instantly. He opened his house to so many, family or strangers. We housed proudly five exchange students who we call our sons. We also opened our home to our 2 grandsons. He loved his whole family even if he didn't tell them often, he is a proud father of Kara and Jake. He loved all animals, birds, horses, dogs, cats didn't matter, he loved his barn swallow even though she made a mess in the garage, he would save the rain water in the driveway for the birds to bathe. He never needed much, had clothes from high school that he could still wear. He could predict the weather better than the news.

I want to thank all the AT&T men that came to support him, the display of bucket trucks and coworkers brought tears to his family.

He died so quickly and he never got to enjoy his retirement and that saddens us all.

Cancer took him in 8 weeks, and we were blessed that he had no pain and that my work gave me that time off to be by his side and enjoy his last days with the man I loved so very much.

When we were at the hospital he would look for the cross that is placed in each room , and the Sunday before he passed he wanted to attend church to receive communion, he always carried a cross in his pocket and believed Jesus died on the cross for him.

He is preparing a garden in heaven for us to enjoy when we arrive, we love you and miss you Beau.

Forever grateful that I married this amazing man!

Proud wife Donna

Proud Wife - September 09, 2016 at 02:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert C. Burger Jr..*

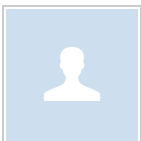


September 01, 2016 at 12:46 PM



“ *Whether losing our eyebrows/lashes while trying to relight an off-limits furnace, swinging Tarzan-style across ravines, or antagonizing our younger sibs, we always looked out for one another. He was ornery and loyal, funny and sensitive. From mischievous childhood cohort to the impressive man he became, he left an imprint on each life he touched. Thank you, Beau, for touching mine. Godspeed. With love, Robin. (Cruse-Curnow)*

Robie Cruse-Curnow - August 31, 2016 at 06:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert C. Burger Jr..*



August 31, 2016 at 02:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert C. Burger Jr..*



August 31, 2016 at 11:28 AM



“ *I'm sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I enjoyed working many times with him over the years at AT&T. Dave Mills*

Dave Mills - August 31, 2016 at 08:15 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Robert C. Burger Jr..*



August 30, 2016 at 09:35 PM



“ *41 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - August 30, 2016 at 04:58 PM

MP

“ *Much love, Jan and the Breidenbachs and Posakonys purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Robert C. Burger Jr..*



Much love, Jan and the Breidenbachs and Posakonys -
August 30, 2016 at 01:42 PM

SV

“ *We share your sorrow on the loss of your beloved husband and wish you strength during these difficult times. May his memory be a blessing to all those whose lives he touched.*
With our deepest sympathy,
Sergio & Flor.

Sergio Valdovinos - August 30, 2016 at 10:22 AM

MS

“ *To all of Bob's loved ones, mother Judy, wife Donna, his children and grandchildren. May Bob have eternal peace and know that he leaves many fond memories with all of his coworkers and friends at AT&T. He was a good worker, a good man and a good union member of IBEW21. He is already missed and I will keep him in my prayers. God Bless Robert and his family.*



Michael Scime - August 30, 2016 at 08:11 AM

MC

They put Bob with me when he came outside as a linesman in the 80's. I was there when he hooked his first pole. His energy and light hearted spirit led me to give him the nickname "Skippy". In no time, even the bosses were calling him Skip or Skippy and the tag lasted almost 30 years. I liked him. He liked to laugh and was fun to work with. I'm deeply saddened that he is gone. He was a good guy.

Mark Claver - August 31, 2016 at 03:27 PM



I accidentally ran across Bob's obituary & was saddened. I was a fellow telephone operator with him in the early 80's stages. We sat by each other often & talked in between calls. We loss touch when he got his outside job. He was a great guy. My prayers to his family.

Deb Livingston - September 07, 2016 at 11:04 AM