



Barry L. Riegel

January 25, 1944 - July 3, 2022

Barry L. Riegel, age 78 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, July 3, 2022, at Highland, IL.

He was born on Tuesday, January 25, 1944, in Highland, IL, the son of Lester and Helen (nee Pfister) Riegel.

Barry was born in Highland, IL and grew up on a farm west of Highland, IL. He graduated from Triad High School in 1962. He served with the U.S. Air Force; worked for McDonnell Douglas from 1970 to 1994; B-Line Systems in Highland, IL; drove a tour bus and trucked for Maedge Trucking Inc. The last several years, he and Betty spent time roaming and enjoying life. He was family oriented with always attending family events. He enjoyed collecting miniature trains and other items.

Survivors include:

Special Friend - Betty S. Pinkel, Highland, IL

First Wife - Patricia J. Nihiser, Highland, IL

Son - Scott A. (Lisa) Riegel, Highland, IL

Daughter - Jennifer L. (Significant Other Shane Nicklin) Riegel, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Kory S. (Lindsay) Riegel, Lonoke, AR

Grandchild - Brandon S. (Significant Other Abbi Mehlberg) Riegel, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Joshua J. Oliver, Highland, IL
Great Grandchild - Kylee A. Riegel, Lonoke, AR
Great Grandchild - Kole A. Riegel, Lonoke, AR
Sister - Pat A. Merkle, Trenton, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Lester E. Riegel - Died 2/13/1998

Mother - Helen E. (nee Pfister) Riegel - Died 1/08/2005

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Memorial Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, July 8, 2022, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or Highland Area Christian Service Ministry (HACSM - Food Pantry).

Tribute Wall



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I met Barry through my best friend Betty. He seemed like a very nice, funny guy. I met with him and Betty a couple of times. Again my thoughts go out to his family.*

Carol Price - July 07, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barry L. Riegel.*



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“ We loved Barry like he was part of our family. He would get such a kick out of being a little ornery, which I personally loved about him. We would razz each other on the phone or at the dinner table. Whenever I called Betty's house and he was there, I'd say, "Is that my best friend, Barry?!" and then she would give him the phone and he and I would chat for a few minutes. He was very supportive by being present for Jeff's gigs or the grandkids events. He was a wonderful friend and companion to Betty for many years, and the two of them were so cute together. He would bring her a single rose so often that I'm not sure her table was ever without a fresh flower. I will miss his laugh, and how he always spoke the truth with no fluff. Rest in Peace, Barry.



Shari Pinkel - July 07, 2022 at 11:48 AM