



James T. Bircher

February 24, 1954 - February 24, 2006

James Thomas Bircher, age 52, of Saint Louis, MO., died Friday, February 24, 2006, near Nashville, IL.

He was born February 24, 1954, in Highland, IL., the son of Bernell and Patricia (Loneragan) Bircher.

On December 10, 1992, he married Mary Pamela (Solarno) Bircher , and she survives.

He was also a member of American Legion Post #439.

James was born in Highland; graduated Highland High School in 1972; and entered the US Navy. He was a telecommunications specialist with duty for NAVCOMM in Australia; Rota, Spain; Deigo Garcia; and aboard the USS Cappasano and USS Simon Lake. Following service, he worked for USSteel in Texas; attended Southwest State University in Texas and graduated from SIU-C with a degree in Geography.

In 1982 he went to work for Defense Mapping Agency, working in Kansas City and then St. Louis, MO since 1988 at the South Broadway Offices.

His hobbies included raising Red Angus Beef Cattle; he enjoyed horse racing and was an annual attendee atthe Kentucky Derby. He enjoyed hunting and fishing; gardening and time with his Blue Tick Coon Hound - \"Siinger\".

Survivors include Wife-Mary Pamela (Solarno) Bircher of Saint Louis, Mo., Sister-Mary Pat (James) Miller of Houston, Texas, Brother-Fred A. (Cherie) Bircher of Highland, Ill., Brother-Bernell F. Bircher of Highland, Ill., Brother-John R. Bircher of Highland, Ill., Brother-William J. (Donna) Bircher of Wickenburg, Ariz., Brother-Edward S. Bircher of Highland, Ill., Step Child-Michael L. Dickey of Kansas City, Step Child-Michelle M. (George) Hager of Kansas City, Step Grandchild-Elaine M. Dickey, Step Grandchild-Angela M. Dickey, Step Grandchild-Brett A. Hager, Step Grandchild-Nicholas M. Montavy, Step Grandchild-Camden E. Hager, Step Grandchild-Lyndsey G. Hager

He was preceded in death by Father-Bernell F. Bircher, died 8/17/2002, Mother-Patricia F. Bircher, nee Lonergan died 6/13/1983