



## Marvin O. Wendler

December 9, 1938 - December 2, 2023

Marvin O. Wendler, age 84 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, December 2, 2023, at Belleville Memorial Hospital in Belleville, IL.

He was born on Friday, December 9, 1938, in Collinsville, IL, the son of Otto and Eleanor (nee Kunneman) Wendler.

On Friday, June 6, 2003, he married Lorena D. Wendler, nee O'Dell, at Edwardsville, Illinois, who survives.

He was a member of Edwardsville Moose Lodge #1561, Illinois Archaeological Survey Society, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, and Loggerhead Club (Founder), St. Jacob, IL.

Marvin was born in Collinsville, IL. He grew up there and graduated from Collinsville High School in 1956. He was a railroad locomotive engineer for 36 years. He worked for 26 of those years for Manufactures Railway in St. Louis, Mo. He retired from there in 2000. He lived in St. Jacob for many years. He even built his own log cabin on his property. Marvin loved to hunt - deer, elk, squirrel and rabbit. He loved to visit his brother Dave's hunting lodge in Montana, and taking hunting trips to Colorado and Wyoming with his buddies and son, Joel. He loved to hunt for Indian relics, especially arrowheads. Marvin also enjoyed mushroom hunting. He was very well-known for telling

jokes. He enjoyed playing the harmonica. Spending time with friends and family was very important to him.

Survivors include Survivors:

Wife - Lorena D. Wendler, nee O'Dell, Highland, IL

Son - Jeffrey S. (Maria) Wendler, Saint Jacob, IL

Son - Brian M. (Julie) Wendler, Edwardsville, IL

Son - Joel C. (Laura) Wendler, Elizabeth, CO

Son - Reagan E. Wendler, Saint Jacob, IL

Grandchild - Elizabeth (Tony) DuBois

Grandchild - Cassandra Bender

Grandchild - Jarrod Wendler

Grandchild - Cheyenne Wendler

Grandchild - Autumn Wendler

Grandchild - Cole Wendler

Grandchild - Reed Wendler

Great Grandchild - Brynnley DuBois

Great Grandchild - Owen DuBois

Great Grandchild - Lilly VanWinkle

Great Grandchild - Jack VanWinkle

Nieces and Nephews - Several

Special Cousin - Anna Marie Parker

Sister - Darlene (Steve) Lesicko, Waterloo, IL

Brother - Crawford Wendler, Wellston, OK

Brother - David Wendler, Wise River, MT

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Otto C. Wendler - Died 1/07/1963

Mother - Eleanor M. Wendler, nee Kunneman - Died 4/25/2003

First Wife - Sandra D. Wendler, nee Gravi - Died 06/23/2008

Grandchild - Brennan Wendler - Died 11/08/2020

Brother - Donald R. Wendler - Died 2/02/2020

Brother - LeRoy J. Wendler - Died 7/04/2018

Sister - Fay M. Jaramillo - Died 2/16/2015

Sister - Dixie J. Baker - Died 7/17/2013

Sister - Diana S. Wendler - Died 3/05/1949 Infant

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

Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Friday, December 8, 2023, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, December 8, 2023, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Interment will be at Augusta Cemetery in Saint Jacob, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's Foundation or Southern Illinois Animal and Pointer Rescue, St. Jacob, IL.

# Cemetery Details

## Augusta Cemetery

St. Jacob, IL 62281

# Previous Events

## Evening Visitation

DEC 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland  
1501 9th Street  
P.O. Box 187  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-2133  
info@spengel-boulanger.com

## Morning Visitation

DEC 8. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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DEC 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Marvin was such a wonderful man. The last time I saw him was in my early 20's when a few or group would be going to Highland, St Jacob, and the cities picnics. I would run into him and have a beer or two, he always made us laugh, he had so many jokes and he play a tune for us sometimes. Great conversation since my dad taught us everything Marvin enjoyed. He always made me feel safe and he was the angel that made sure we were ok while out partying. Everyone loved the man but God has his room prepared and another angel got his wings. May your family find peace, strength, and comfort as you enjoy all the memories and reading how people loved your Dad. Until we meet again Marv, save me a place to have a beer with you. Love you Marcia Sova*

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**Marcia Sova** - December 07, 2023 at 11:21 PM

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“*Carolyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marvin O. Wendler.*

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**Carolyn** - December 07, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“*Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Marvin O. Wendler.*



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December 07, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marvin O. Wendler.



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December 06, 2023 at 10:08 PM



“ Michelle B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marvin O. Wendler.

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**Michelle B.** - December 06, 2023 at 03:27 PM



“ Wally Moller purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Marvin O. Wendler.



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**Wally Moller** - December 05, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ Reagan & sons and brothers, I was so sorry to hear of your Dad/Grandpa passing. He always spoke to me when I saw him. Lost a wonderful man.

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**Sandy Mersinger Giger** - December 04, 2023 at 10:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marvin O. Wendler.*



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December 04, 2023 at 07:41 PM



“ *Kenny Feigl - Loggerhead planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marvin O. Wendler.*

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**Kenny Feigl - Loggerhead** - December 04, 2023 at 07:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marvin O. Wendler.*



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December 04, 2023 at 07:00 PM



“ *Marvin took me on many hunting trips & gave me pointers on being a successful hunter when I was in my early years. I admired his knowledge & skills. david gnavi*

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**david gnavi** - December 04, 2023 at 05:47 PM