



Richard L. Wilkening

May 18, 1953 - December 7, 2011

Richard Lee "Beard" Wilkening, age 58 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at Saint Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville, IL.

He was born on Monday, May 18, 1953, in Saint Louis, MO, the son of Chester and Mary F. (nee Witt) Wilkening.

He married Virginia Ann Wilkening (nee McGuire) who survives.

He was a member of Teamster Local 525.

Mr. Wilkening was born at St. Louis, MO; grew up in Greenville, IL and attended Litchfield High School, Litchfield, IL. He drove a trucks for over 27 years. He was employed with Olin Corporation, Alton, IL for many years. He always was a Harley-Davidson Man; loved being with with his grandchildren; working in the yard and was very social.

Survivors include:

Wife - Virginia A. Armbruster Wilkening (nee McGuire) , Highland, IL

Step Mother - Laverne Wieseman, Worden, IL

Daughter - Hana C. (Rance) Olliges, Glen Carbon, IL

Step Son - Rich C. (Traci) Armbruster, Hardin, IL

Step Son - Mike C. (Jessica) Armbruster, Highland, IL

Step Daughter - Jamie A. (Scott) Wagner, Highland, IL

Sister - Carolyn S. (Joe) Allred, Alton, IL

Grandchild - Gunner Armbruster, Hardin, IL

Grandchild - Haylee Armbruster, Hardin, IL

Grandchild - Drake Wagner, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Layne Wagner, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Bryn Olliges, Glen Carbon, IL

Niece - Abby Autery, Alton, IL

Nephew - Brandon Autery, Alton, IL

Great Nephew - Braydon Autery, Alton, IL

Great Nephew - Gabe Crowden, Alton, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Chester Wilkening

Mother - Mary Frances Wilkening nee Witt

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