



William C. "Butch" Sands

November 18, 1951 - February 1, 2023

William C. "Butch" Sands, age 71 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born on Sunday, November 18, 1951, in East Saint Louis, IL, the son of William and Ruth (nee Spicer) Sands.

On Friday, May 10, 2019, he married Elizabeth Ann (nee Reed) Sands at Edwardsville, IL, who survives.

He was a member of the Am Vet, Collinsville, IL, and Group Service Representative for AA.

Mr. Sands was born in E. St. Louis, IL. At age 17, he served with the US Army from January 7, 1969 to December 23, 1971. Later he joined the US Army Reserves. After the service he worked for Metro East Industries, doing maintenance for Norfolk & Southern Railroad. He retired after a stroke in 2008. He had lived in Elsah, Granite City and moved to Highland, in Nov 2021. As a youth he was a champion roller skater at Thunderbird Rink. He enjoyed playing the guitar, live music, collecting model railroad pieces, astronomy (moon watching and the whole universe) and fishing.

Survivors include:

Wife - Elizabeth A. "Beth" (nee Reed) Sands, Highland, IL
Daughter - Heather (Paul) Klein, Mascoutah, IL
Son - William A. "Aaron" (Tina) Sands, Breese, IL
Son - Christopher S. "Chris" (Significant Other Maggie Daniels) Sands,
Mascoutah, IL
Step Daughter - Courtney E. (Significant Other Cate Skiles) Halford,
Edwardsville, IL
(Cate's Sister - Natalie Hanlon)
Step Son - Cameron O. Germain, Granite City, IL
Grandchild - Meaghan (Dylan) Staten
Grandchild - Madalyne (Colton) Johnson
Grandchild - Taylor Daniels
Grandchild - Makayla Daniels
Grandchild - Jackson Daniels
Grandchild - Gavin Sands
Grandchild - Garrett Sands
Grandchild - Alison Sands
Great Grandchild - Due in February
Sister-In-Law - Lisa Karius

He was preceded in death by:

Father - William Sands

Mother - Ruth Sands

Brother - Charles Morgan.

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

Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM on Friday, February 10,
2023, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Graveside Service will be at 12:30 PM on Friday, February 10, 2023, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO,

Interment will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

Memorial contributions may be made to 22 Project.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of William C. "Butch" Sands.*



February 08, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Thank you for being a part of my life. Seeing you and your wife when you'd visit and wave everytime I waved back and always checked on y'all when I could. Hearing deep, warm stories about war and history that were true and concerts and travels that were fulfilled. No words can express how much he is a great honorable man and for that I am thankful God is taking care of him now. He isn't in pain anymore and he is another angel that will be waiting till our day comes. Blessed you are. My deepest empathy and support, and love to Beth and her family*



Casey Jean - February 05, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ *I love you uncle Butch. I will miss you very much. You aren't in pain anymore. R.I.P*



Julie Johnson - February 04, 2023 at 03:45 PM