



Gerald Lee Roat

November 26, 1940 - January 20, 2015

Gerald Lee Roat, 74, passed away at 2:41 a.m. on January 20, 2015 at Springhill Assisted Living and Memory Care in Middletown, Ohio. He was born November 26, 1940, in Mason County, Illinois to Henry and Julia Hendricker Roat. He married Katie Evelyn Leigh on June 20, 1969, in Ottawa, Illinois. She survives.

He is survived by one daughter, Julia (Evan) Abla of Dayton Ohio; four granddaughters, Heaven Amelia, Faith Evelyn, Danielle Grayleigh, and Evangeline "Annie". He is also survived by four brothers, Charles, John, Marvin (Sue), and Dan (Eleanor), all of Havana; two sisters, Bess Wade of Pittsfield, Illinois, and Carol (Doug) Reedy of Prescott, Arizona, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Roy Roat and Paul Roat, and two sisters, Alice Murphy and Mildred Park.

Gerald taught high school biology in Manito, Illinois for 30 years. He was a member of the Havana Church of the Nazarene and served in various positions on the local and district level. He raised strawberries during the summer and enjoyed gardening, walks in the woods, reading, telling jokes, and visiting with new and old friends.

Funeral services will be held Monday, January 25, at 10 a.m. with visitation on Sunday, January 24, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., both at the Havana Church of the

Nazarene, 328 S. Broadway. Burial will be at Laurel Hill Cemetery. The Reverends Jim Buchanan and Edwin Abla will officiate.

Memorials may be made to the Nazarene Church.

Hurley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Lee Roat*

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