



Roger Lynn Backs

February 24, 1934 - July 20, 2023

Roger Lynn Backs, 89, of Decatur, IL passed away on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

He was born on February 24, 1934 to Robert and Lela (Holman) Backs in Petersburg, IL.

Roger married Genevieve (Mibbs) who together became parents to 4 children while living in Mt Zion, IL. He served in the United States Army, worked at Pittsburg Plate Glass, owned Mini Motors as well as a Shell gas station both in Mt. Zion, and finally worked for the City of Decatur from which he retired. He had a great smirk and a talent for dry humor; a talent each of his kids picked up along the way making for fun family outings which will continue on. He had always loved to fiddle with motorcycles and cars. With his devoted son Karl, he built a cabin and also went on hunting trips to Canada.

Roger is survived by his daughters Kathy (Matt) Rohde of Sugar Hill, GA and Kerry (Chris) Sbat of Buford, GA; son Karl (Shawn) Backs of Springfield, IL; 8 grandchildren Joel (Kelsie), Janie, Katie, Kyle, Evan, Emma, Sara and Rick and one great-grandchild Emilie all of whom made him smile; and brother Terry (Mary) Backs of Bedford, TX.

He was preceded in death by his toddler son Randy Backs, his parents, and his four siblings Dale Backs, Roberta Backs-Whitley, Tom Backs, and Kent Backs, a long-time resident and part owner of B and C Hardware in Petersburg, IL.

A graveside service conducted by Hurley Funeral Home and officiated by

Pastor Rob Gallion will be held at Oakland Cemetery in Petersburg on Wednesday, July 26 at 10 am.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Petersburg, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery
17536 Oakland Terrace Ave
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-3022

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Roger Backs*



Larry and Mary Hundt - July 25, 2023 at 09:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger Lynn Backs.*



July 24, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roger Lynn Backs.*

July 24, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Roger Lynn Backs.*



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“ Goodby brother, sleep well. Thank you for teaching me how to ride a bike, how to hunt, and how to back up a four wheeled wagon. Thank you for all the sore hands from making me catch your fast softball pitches when you were playing for the Oakford team. Thank you for almost killing me with that big Allis UC tractor, you were so frightened but we laughed and laughed. Thank you for being my big brother. I will see you soon enough. I will expect you to push me again in that big swing Dad built for us in the big Elm tree in the front yard. Be at peace I will be there soon. Terry

Terry Backs - July 24, 2023 at 02:15 PM