



## Shawn Wayne Prather

April 10, 1968 - July 20, 2023

Shawn Wayne Prather, 55, of Manito, IL passed away Thursday evening, July 20, 2023, at his home, after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

He was born April 10, 1968 in the Great Lakes Naval Base, Illinois to Wayne and Marlisa Procter Prather.

He married his soulmate and best friend, Jacqueline Rae "Jackie" Herget Prather in Pekin, IL on August 23, 2002.

In addition to his wife Jackie and his parents, Shawn is survived by four sons, Dustin Dylan (Katelyn) Prather, Marc Shawyne (Judy) Prather, all of East Peoria, IL, Shawn Wayne Prather, Jr. and Dylan Thomas Prather, both who still reside at the home, one sister, Toni Prather Abernathie, of Pekin, two grandsons, two granddaughters, and three nephews.

Shawn grew up in East Peoria, and graduated from East Peoria Community High School in 1986.

He was a gifted Graphic Designer and he and Jackie ran a small printing and graphic design business together in Manito. Shawn had many accomplishments over the years in his work and designs. He worked for numerous newspapers, his latest was the Mason County Democrat. He designed and managed the Manito website. He was a photographer and took pictures for many events including the Manito Popcorn Festival.

He had a great love for his family. Some of the happiest times were when his entire family would get together. He also enjoyed spending time on little trips with his wife and their two youngest sons.

His love for music was great. He would spend hours listening to his vinyl records, of which he had an intense collection. He enjoyed going to concerts with Jackie. His favorite band was the Beatles.

Shawn was an avid reader of books and had a great collection of old books which were his favorite to read. The authors Edgar Allen Poe and Dylan Thomas were his favorites.

He loved art and enjoyed Salvador Dali.

He loved his family farmhouse and this lended his love of animals, especially chickens. He enjoyed gardening and it gave him great satisfaction to see the fruits of his labor.

Cremation Rites have been accorded and, the family will receive friends, Wednesday, July 26, 2023 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at the Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 32530 E Co Road 2180 in rural Manito

A memorial service will then be held at 5:00 pm following the visitation in the church, Pastor John Worsham will officiate.

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home

301 S. Washington Street

Manito, IL 61546

(309) 968-6157

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **26**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Manito Good Shepard Baptist  
32530 E. CR 2180 N  
Manito, IL 61546  
(309) 968-7103

## Memorial Service

JUL **26**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AM

“ I want to send my heartfelt condolences to Jackie and the boys and to all of Shawn's family. I know nothing I say will ease the pain. Perhaps time will. You are all in my prayers. May God carry you through this.



Amy Mathis - July 27, 2023 at 05:25 PM

RP

“ Residence Inn by Marriott Peoria purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Shawn Wayne Prather.



Residence Inn by Marriott Peoria - July 26, 2023 at 10:57 AM

RP

“ Residence Inn by Marriott Peoria planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shawn Wayne Prather.

Residence Inn by Marriott Peoria - July 26, 2023 at 10:57 AM

LH

“ Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Shawn Prather



Larry and Mary Hundt - July 25, 2023 at 09:14 AM

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“ I will miss sharing and laughing about our childhood. I miss your laugh and smile. You were such a talented, smart, witty and unique person. I'm proud to call you Mt brother. I hope you're having fascinating conversations with Uncle Shawn and that you've seen our grandmas. I really still can't believe it. You will be greatly missed by so many. I love you brother.

Toni Abernathie (Prather) - July 25, 2023 at 12:22 AM

RN

Please know we care deeply 💕. You and your family are in our hearts and prayers 🙏🙏🙏 Shawn is in a glorious place where he will suffer no more 😊🕊️💔

Rosie Neville - July 25, 2023 at 09:37 AM

CC

“ Cheryl Cockerham lit a candle in memory of Shawn Wayne Prather



Cheryl Cockerham - July 24, 2023 at 11:27 PM

KL

“ He always showed Jackie and the 2 youngest boys how much he loved them He could always joke and leave you thinking about him He was a great guy I'm glad.I got to know him and Jackie over the years He was just kind of you would want to meet

Karon Lebron - July 24, 2023 at 08:48 PM

SS

“ Steve And Kim Singley lit a candle in memory of Shawn Wayne Prather



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**Steve and Kim Singley** - July 24, 2023 at 06:52 PM

VL

“ Our deepest sympathy to Shawn's parents and his entire family. We have no words of solace to ease your sorrow. May God bless you all with strength and peace to know that Shawn is in his heavenly home. Vicki and Mic Lockhart



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**Vicki and Mic Lockhart** - July 24, 2023 at 05:12 PM

JG

“ Jackie and the boys I am so sorry for your loss.. Shawn was an amazing man and my prayers are with you all



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**Jen Gordon-Burke** - July 24, 2023 at 03:34 PM