



Edward A Garland

March 18, 1954 - September 14, 2023

Edward A. Garland, 69, of Grand Detour, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford, Illinois.

Edward was born on March 18, 1954, in Dixon, Illinois. He is the son of Edward J. and Alice (McCoy) Garland. Edward is a graduate of Newman Central Catholic High School, Sterling, Illinois. He Attended Joliet Junior College. Edward married the love of his life, and his high school sweetheart in 1977, Sheila (Friel) Garland.

Edward was employed by the Byron Nuclear Plant and retired from there after 30 years of service. Edward was also employed by the State of Illinois and retired from the State after 10 years of service. Edward founded the Pheasant Forever Chapters in Lee and Ogle Counties. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Sterling, Illinois for many years. Edward volunteered and taught hunter safety courses. Edward was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Dixon, Illinois.

Throughout his life Edward was captain of his high school football team, an avid hunter, fisherman, golfer, gardener, and a Chicago Bears and White Sox fan.

Survivors include his wife Sheila Garland, his son Jacob Garland. His sister Patricia Long of Coraopolis, PA: His brothers: Thomas (Deb) Garland of Putnam, IL, Mark (Deb) Garland of Beaufort, SC, Norbert Garland of Florence, KY, Donald (Mary Pat) Garland of Marion, IA and Phillip (Donna) Garland of Cedar Rapids, IA, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, from 3-5 pm at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon, Il. Celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, September 22, 2023, at 11:00 am in St. Anne's Catholic Church, Dixon, Illinois. Burial will conclude at Oakwood Cemetery, Dixon, Illinois.

A memorial has been established.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St Anne's Catholic Church
1104 N Brinton Ave
Dixon, IL 61021-1297
(815) 288-3131

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward A Garland*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Ed was a great mechanic, loved a good party. I was night shift supervisor. Ed pulled me out of a lot of tight spots. Condolences to the family. Ed will be greatly missed by many.*

Robert Peterson - September 24, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ *Sheila and family so sorry for your loss. Many fun memories thru the years. The boys at Zero's new i pulled a few practical jokes on Ed over the years. Ed and me had something in common , we both never met a bar stool we didn't like. Paul Breitzka*

PAUL C. BREITZKA - September 22, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *Sheila, Jacob and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Many good memories of Ed throughout the years. Please know that our thoughts are with you.*

Dan and Dee Floto - September 21, 2023 at 05:45 PM

JK

“ Thinking of the Garland family in the face of loss this month. I have no doubt that the family will be “bulldogs” in moving ahead, but hope they can take a pause to celebrate all they do to impact others.

May God’s Grace be given to those who mourn and may the Mass of Resurrection deliver to him eternal life.

Jeff & KathyThirsteinson - September 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM

RP

Sheila, so sorry for your loss. Ed was a great man. Ed worked nights with me. I was the supervisor and Ed was one of the best. Condolences to you and your family.

Robert Peterson - September 23, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward A Garland.



September 20, 2023 at 08:48 PM

SB

“ I enjoyed working with Ed, always helpful when needed. My prayer go out to the family for their loss.

stephen I blais - September 20, 2023 at 08:35 PM

DB

“ We worked together for many years at Byron, as we had so many great conversations, that we’d have to remind ourselves that we should probably get back to work. □
Always loved seeing Ed’s smiling face walk into the room and now, just so sorry to hear that he’s left us, I will always remember those good memories of him. 😞
RIP my friend

Denny Beard - September 20, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Loved One Vertical Blanket was purchased for the family of Edward A Garland.



September 19, 2023 at 10:20 PM

JB

“ Sheila, sending condolences to you and your Son in the loss of your loved one. If you need someone to talk to please call. Thinking of you.
Judy and Merrill Beck



Judith Beck - September 19, 2023 at 06:22 PM

BH

“ *Sheila and Jacob and Family,*

*Please accept my condolences for the loss of Ed. Our friendship was forged when we were young and growing up. Those bonds remain solid. We hunted and played football together, and shared a similar heritage. I'll always remember number 60 after the Sterling game, dirty and bloodied. He left nothing on the field and was a captain by his efforts. He carried that work ethic through life. He had a charismatic belly laugh and his own unique moves to be hilarious. The man was tough yet always looked for the light side with a grin. As an Irishman myself and about a month older, I am deeply saddened by the loss of this fellow Knight, yet will take solace in the fact he is in the Lord's arms now. God Bless you through this time. Respectfully,
Bill Hermes*

Bill Hermes - September 18, 2023 at 05:42 PM

GV

“ *Ed was a good person to work with. He always had a smile. Prayers to his family.* 🙏🙏🙏

Gisa Vinnedge - September 18, 2023 at 01:28 PM

DG

“ *I will always cherish the memories and the times I had with the Garland cousins growing up. May the Garland family find peace and comfort during this time. RIP cousin Eddie.*

Daniel Garland--Tucson - September 18, 2023 at 12:35 PM

KP

“ *My prayers to Sheila and Jacob. I always remember Ed as someone who had a perpetual smile on his face. He will be missed*

Krystal Hudson Pennington

krystal Pennington - September 18, 2023 at 07:02 AM