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## Robert Beard

EAST PEORIA - Robert Morris "Dawg" Beard, age 55, of East Peoria passed away Wednesday, July 11, 2007, in East Peoria.

He was born Dec. 23, 1951, in Peoria to Morris Russel and Carol (Webster) Beard. He married Rhonda Kay Hawks on June 22, 1976, in Pekin.

She survives along with two sons, Robert Morris Beard of Ozark, Mo., and William Cody (Danielle) Beard of Washington, Ill.; one daughter, Erica Norville of Maquan, Ill.; two granddaughters, Mikayla and Sydney; three brothers, Dale (Marcia) Beard of East Peoria, Tony Beard of Creve Coeur, and Kenny (Joanne) Miller of Peoria; and two sisters, Penny Slusher of Peoria and Tracy (Jimmy) Bannon of Creve Coeur.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Vickie LaScelle.

Bob first worked as an over-the-road driver for Air-Land and Cox for several years, then at Burlington Northern Railroad for 13 years and, for the last five years, for the Illinois Department of Transportation.

He was a Vietnam Army veteran. He was a member of the Freedom Valley A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, where he was a safety and education coordinator, a 32nd degree member of Masonic Comet Lodge 641 in Minier, a member of the Valley of Bloomington Scottish Rite and a member of the Washington American Legion.

A funeral service will be at 6 p.m. Monday, July 16, 2007, at Remmert Funeral Home in East Peoria. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services.

Memorials may be made to A.B.A.T.E.

Online tributes and condolences may be made at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

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