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## Mark Widmer

ABINGDON - Mark Gene Widmer, 54, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007.

He was born April 11, 1953, to Merle Gene Widmer and Delores Stegall (Keaton).

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Merle Gene and Claire Widmer of Peoria; his mother, Delores Keaton of Columbia, Ill.; his sisters, Mary Jo (Widmer) Greytak of Edwardsville and Nancy (Widmer) Cripe of Waterloo, Ill. He was the proud uncle of Joshua Richie, William Greytak Jr. and Terry Cripe, who survive. He is also survived by his aunts, Loretta Kauffman-Funk of Eureka, Ill., Pauline Herrman of Peoria and Viola Kauffman of Morton, Ill.

Mark was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Donat (Tony) and Lilly Widmer of Morton, Ill., and his maternal grandparents, Martin and Lora Stegall of Abingdon, Ill.; an uncle; and four aunts.

For nearly 30 years, Mark was involved in long distance transportation.

He was a passionate fan of the Chicago Cubs and the Bulls. Mark was also a history buff and loved fishing the rivers and lakes around central Illinois.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, in Abingdon, Ill., at the Hinchliff-Pearson-West Abingdon Chapel, 206 N. Washington St. Eleanor Landon will officiate. Burial will be in Abingdon Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the chapel.

Memorials can be sent to Peoria Promise by contacting Office of the Mayor; the ICC Educational Foundation; and Places for People of St. Louis at [www.placesforpeople.org](http://www.placesforpeople.org).

Online condolences may be made at [www.h-p-w.com](http://www.h-p-w.com).

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