



David W. Sterling

July 8, 1963 - December 30, 2021

David W. Sterling, age 58, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, December 30, 2021 at Morris Hospital.

He was born July 8, 1963 in San Diego, CA, the son of Howard Rayburn & Janice Marie Bouck Sterling.

David had been a truck driver for Nationwide Rail Services.

He enjoyed fishing and was an avid fan of Godzilla. He was a great cook and host. Most of all, David will be remembered as a loving father and grandfather.

Surviving are two sons, Joshua Sterling of Columbia, SC and David & Heather Sterling of Bourbonnais; two daughters, Rebekah & Michael Teel of West Columbia, SC and Michal & Randy Bracey of Irmo, SC; one sister, Janet Phillips of Kansas City, MO; one brother, Michael & Kelli Sterling of Seneca; two grandchildren, Mikaih Casey and Mikena Casey; and one aunt, Salley Kuter of Wilmington.

David is preceded in death by his father, Howard Rayburn Sterling; his mother and step-father, Janice Marie & Michael Wicklatz; and one brother, Frankie Sterling.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial will be held from 3:00 p.m. –

7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 2, 2022 at the Pub at Midtown; 71 W. 1st St. in Manteno.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pub at Midtown
71 W 1st St.
Manteno, IL 60950

Tribute Wall



“ To my other Dad,
From the moment I met Michal I knew I had met a wonderfully special person and with her I got the best second family. One of my first memories of you is when I called the house to talk to Meesh. I remember the phone ringing often with no answer. I swore Michal had said you guys had an answering machine, so I was waiting to leave a message. Then you answered the phone. I was so embarrassed because I knew I had definitely woken you up. (I found out that day there actually wasn't an answering machine 😳). You still spoke so kindly to me and never even showed how annoying that must have been. I can still hear the sweetest tone in your voice telling me that Michal wasn't there. Then, I had the pleasure of getting to know just how hilariously goofy you were. One early morning Michal and I were sleeping in the living room. You had work and had gotten up to get ready. As you were making your lunch in the kitchen you animated every food item you packed. It was the funniest thing. I was even blessed enough to get my very own original song just for me created by you. "Down on Lexington Farms". There is no way to explain how funny that song is. I still laugh when thinking of it. You had this way of making everyone feel welcome and definitely brought smiles to their faces. You, your humor, and huge heart will be greatly missed but your legacy will live on through the lives of your four truly amazing children. Thank you for the memories and all the laughs. My prayers are with the Sterling family and all affected by this heartbreaking loss!

Shelley Kendall - January 01, 2022 at 09:32 AM

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“ This guy lights up a room I didn't know him long met him at my brothers wedding and the rest is history I felt like I've known him my whole life you will be missed and much respect love you

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