



Merle Raines

November 25, 1940 - September 25, 2005

Merle Raines -- Antioch Visitation for Merle L. "Diesel" Raines, 64, of Antioch, formerly of Kankakee, will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, West Kankakee, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday. Rev. Dan Morris will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded by the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Crematory. Memorials may be made to the family. He died Sunday (Sept. 25, 2005). Mr. Raines worked for Illinois Central Gulf Railroad from 1969-1986 and then for Metra until retiring in 2002. He was born Nov. 25, 1940, in St. Louis, Mo., the son of Oscar L. and Lucy F. Parmly Raines. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the VFW and the American Legion. He was also a member of the Moose and the Just Us Motorcycle Club. He enjoyed his motorcycle. Surviving are his wife, Sharon of Bourbonnais; one son, Robert "Bob" Raines of Streator; two stepsons, Brian of Tennessee, Aaron of Texas; two stepdaughters, Ginger of Tennessee, Staci of Urbana; two sisters, Kathy Rhode of Pahrump, Nev., Yvonne Gwinn of Spartanburg, S.C.; three brothers, Steve Herchenroder of Carson City, Nev., Kyle VanVoorhees of Yosemite, Calif., Thomas Fenton of Estes Park, Colo.; and 11 grandchildren. Deceased are his parents; one son, William; and one brother, Terry Herchenroder.

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“ We will always LOVE and remember Meral fondly from the bottom of our hearts.##imported-begin##Sid and Jill Kane##imported-end##

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“ Merle had a big heart, and generous nature. i½A helping hand and ready laughter. i½He was usually up for anything; and always there in the end.

May the Good Lord open his arms in greeting Merle the same way Merle greeted all of us. i½As we pray and mourn his passing may we all find the peace to let him go. i½May God Bless you and keep you and May his face shine upon you. i½Through all eternity. i½Amen.##imported-begin##Mary Summers##imported-end##

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“ On behalf of all members of Stonecold M/C,we are saddened at the passing of Diesel,he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Kevin "Elvis" Gray##imported-end##

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“ sharon and family ,merle was very special to alot of people always was a gentlemen ,always smile ,rember lots of stories from the old days of running around and having fun he loved life and friends he will be deply missed i hope you are ok shannon and his children God bless. no words can tell you how sorry i am just went threw it 2 times this week with a dear brother with liver cancer and a 3 day old babyl feel your pain God bless and take care keep the wind in your face and God by your side###imported-begin###terri decarlo (JUGGS)###imported-end##

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“ NULL###imported-begin###RAYMOND DYKSTER###imported-end##

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“ NULL###imported-begin###WENDELL CARMAN###imported-end##

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“ merle took care of me i½and work with me on ill. c.rr###imported-begin###david harrison###imported-end##

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“ We knew you for a long time, Merle, and you were always a good friend to us. i½You will not be forgotten. i½Our love and good wishes go out to Sharon and the kids. i½Take care. i½Our prayers are with you.###imported-begin###NULL###imported-end##

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