Gerald Loemker

Gerald L. "Jerry" Loemker, age 68, of Edwardsville, formerly of Worden, died at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., with family and friends by his side.

He was born on Dec. 18, 1940, in Alton, the son of the late Walter and Ruth Kessmann Loemker.

He married Pat Hudson on Nov. 11, 1961, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Worden. She survives.

Along with his wife, he is survived by a daughter: Stephanie, and husband Michael, Fedder of Edwardsville; two grandchildren: Charlie and Ava Fedder of Edwardsville; two brothers: Keith, and wife Judy, Loemker of Edwardsville and Tom, and wife Willa, Loemker of Staunton; a sister: Lois Jenkins of Alton; and several nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by two brothers: Walter "Sonny" Loemker and Robert "Bob" Lemker and a sister: Vera Stroud.

Mr. Loemker was a steelworker at Granite City Steel in Granite City for 40 years, retiring in Feb. 2001.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

His memberships included Trinity Lutheran Church of Edwardsville, Edwardsville Moose Lodge, Edwardsville Gun Club, Past Mayor of Worden for eight years, Village Trustee in Worden for many years.

Jerry enjoyed fishing, reading, cooking, astronomy, travel and spending time with his family.

Heaven has gained a wonderful, witty man.

Visitation will be at 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, at Williamson Funeral Home in Worden. Visitation will continue at 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Edwardsville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the church, with Rev. Martin Springer officiating.

Interment will be at Worden City Cemetery, with Worden American Legion Post conducting graveside military rites.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church of Edwardsville.

Williamson Funeral Home in Worden is in charge of arrangements.

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