

Wayne Bardell

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WAYNE KARL BARDELL, 65 STOCKTON - Wayne Karl Bardell, age 65, of Stockton, IL, passed away unexpectedly January 27, 2014. He was born July 15, 1948 in Savanna, IL; the son of the late Ralph and Elizabeth (Beyer) Bardell. Wayne graduated from Stockton High School in 1966. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968 and served with the 93rd Engineer Battalion in Mekong Delta in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was named Battalion Soldier of the Month, and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service. Other citations include National Service, Viet Nam Service, Meritorious Unit Citation, and NCO Leadership ribbons. Wayne enlisted in the Army Reserve, in 1978, attaining the rank of Staff Sgt., and served as a Platoon Sgt., and acting 1st. Sgt. at annual training exercises, receiving Letters of Commendation for outstanding service and devotion to duty. Wayne worked at Atwood for 12 years and Kelly Springfield Tire Co. for 30 years. Wayne helped organize Liberty Memorial Post 1304. He was the First Commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Stockton. He conducted Memorial Day Services at Stockton for many years. He also represented the VFW with his truck with flags and signs going to numerous parades. He was a life member in the VFW and the Rock River Valley Vietnam. He was also a member of the Shannon American Legion. Wayne was serving as Commander for District 6 in the State of Illinois. He was helping the