

Hermann Funeral Home

Armin R. Groezinger

(June 25, 1940 - August 17, 2018)

Armin R. Groezinger, 78, of Shannon IL, passed away with his family by his side on August 17, 2018 following a short battle with cancer. Armin, the son of Arthur and Louise (Miller) Groezinger, was born June 25, 1940 in Freeport, IL.

Armin married Joyce Helms on March 12, 1965, she passed away in 1995. He married Sandra Horstmeier on February 14, 1997, whom he spent 21 of his golden years with.

Armin was baptized and faithfully attended St. John's Lutheran Church in Massbach. Later in life he became a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lanark and was active there until his death.

Armin attended Mt. Hope and Massbach Schools, and graduated from Stockton High School in 1958. After high school, he attended UW-Platteville, was drafted into the United States Army and Honorably Discharged. He received his Associates Degree from Highland Community College in 1985.

Growing up on the family farm, Poverty Acres, in Massbach, he decided Massbach was the place to raise his own family. He acquired the Massbach Cheese Factory and renovated it from a town gathering hall to a home in which his kids were raised. His family has great stories to tell of living in the country.

Armin held several jobs in his lifetime including Boyle Dairy Equipment, Atwoods Automotive, Leslie-Locke, E.S.Lieb Excavating, Martin Marietta, and finally retiring from Woods Equipment Company as a maintenance supervisor. Not only did Armin provide for his family, he also farmed with his dad and rented several pieces of farm ground.

Known for his ambition, desire to provide for his family, and strong work ethic, he purchased the first round baler in the area, and had a custom baling business. In addition, he remodeled homes for friends and neighbors.

Armin had a talent to be able to build and fix just about everything, and has passed his handyman and craftsmanship skills down to his son. He built his family a summer home at Lake Carroll in the early eighties where weekends were spent with family and friends.

After retirement, he became an avid John Deere Collector, and

spent many days at his shed, working on restoring his tractors, and taking the time to spend with anyone that dropped in to talk. He also enjoyed going to farm auctions and looking for the parts he needed to fix his tractors.

Armin wasn't happy if he wasn't working, so during his retirement years, he spent his falls chisel plowing for Schoeny Farms, and his winters plowing snow for Cherry Grove and Shannon townships. In the summers, he had a lawn mowing business in Shannon and Lake Carroll.

Most of all he loved spending time with his kids and grandkids. He enjoyed helping his son in his construction business. He had amazing relationships with all of his grandkids. He taught them how to drive tractors, and play euchre. He became a high school sports fan, and loved watching his grandkids compete. He never missed their FFA banquets, theatre & speech performances, concerts, spelling bees, and sporting events.

Armin is survived by his wife, Sandra, son, Daryl (Pennie) Groezinger of Stockton, daughters, Amy (Doug) Lieb of Pearl City, and DeAnne (Blake) Voss of Pearl City, Stepsons Ray (Sharon) Horstmeier, Brodhead, WI, and Chad Horstmeier, Conway, AR. Grandchildren, Drew (Stockton), Clayton, Zachariah, Jacob, Lincoln, Lucy, and Hudson (Pearl City). Step Grandsons Noah Horstmeier (Machesney Park), Tyler (Kerrie) Brugger, Monroe, WI, Ryan (Marci) Brugger, Albany, WI. Step Great Grandchildren Aubree, Kelsee, Brynlee, Morgan & Grant and brother, Marlo Groezinger of Freeport. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, wife (Joyce), and sister (Donna).

At Armin's request, a private family service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lanark. Interment will be at Stockton Ladies Union Cemetery.

A Celebration of Armin's Life will be held on Sunday, September 9th, at Armin's Shed (a qtr mile south of the Shannon Casey's). Please join us from 1-4pm for lunch and to share memories with Armin's family.

A memorial fund has been established.