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Anthony James "Tony" Draege, 63, of rural Vandalia passed away at his home on Sunday, May 25, 2014.

A Funeral Service will be held at 1:00pm, Saturday, May 31, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church of Vandalia with Rev. Pete LeDuc officiating. Visitation will be held from 4:00-8:00pm, Friday, May 30 at the First United Methodist Church in Vandalia and also 1 hour prior to services Saturday at the church. Burial will follow the services Saturday. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to the Future Farmers of America (FFA) or to Crown Point Community Church. The family of Tony Draege also asks that casual attire be worn for the services.

Tony was born March 2, 1951 in Mt. Vernon, IL the son of Robert W. and Helen "Jean" (Hawkins) Draege. He married Kathryn "Kathy" (Brown) Draege on December 31, 1988 in Vandalia. Tony was a self employed farmer of Draege Farms, and Stock Car Racer; and former Vandalia Road Township Commissioner; he served on the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 520 of Granite City, was a former board member of the ASC office and member of the national FFA organization. Tony enjoyed farming and racing at Fayette County Speedway with his boys, hunting, fishing, riding his motorcycle and summer vacations in Arkansas.

Tony is survived by his wife Kathy Draege of Vandalia; father Robert Draege of Mt. Vernon; sons Michael Meyer of Shobonier, Aaron



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Draege of Vandalia, Aric "Jake" Draege and fiancée Emily McKnelly of Farina, and Colton Draege and girlfriend Alyssa Cole of Vandalia; daughter Emalie Jo Meyer Babb and husband Shannon of Moweaqua; sisters Brenda and husband Dale Randall and Dessie and husband Carl "JR" Staley all of Mt. Vernon; nephew Robert Staley of Mt. Vernon; father and mother in law David W. and Betty Brown of Vandalia; sisters in law Cindy and husband Randy Woolsey of Patoka and Beth and husband Larry Redman of Fillmore; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother Helen "Jean" Draege.



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SR

Steve Roney posted:

To Tony's family from a long lost friend. Tony was a mans' man, a gentleman and one of the finest guys I ever knew from the finest family. I think about some of the trips we had to Florida and especially trying to Scuba dive off the beach in Sebastian Inlet Florida , liked to took us all. He will sadly missed but always remembered as one of the finest men to walk the planet. Love him always Steve Roney

November 8 at 3:51 AM

CD

Cathy Byars Daley posted:

Tony was a wonderful cousin and a very special man. I have many fun memories of him. We were all very close. I am so very sorry for your loss.

November 8 at 3:51 AM

DR

Deb Long Rn posted:

Kathy,I offer my deepest, sincere sympathy to you and your family. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.Deb

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DU

Drs James And Linda Upchurch posted:

Bob, Brenda, and Dessie Jim and I would like to extend our sincere sympathy on hearing of Tony's death. The Danner kids and the Draege kids had many fun times together from skiing across Lake Norfolk to the dam, jumping off the bluffs, or hitting the town are great memories. You are in our thoughts.

November 8 at 3:51 AM

KS

Kent And Karen Sanders posted:

Kathy,We are so sorry for your loss. Tony was a very good friend to us and he will be missed. Kent has fond memories of their fishing trip, he and tony talked about it quite it bit when they were together. And I always enjoyed speaking to him when he came into the SWCD Office. He was always a joy to work with and will be missed. Please know that we are always here for you if you need us and you are always in our thought and prayers.Kent and Karen Sanders

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Teresa Barnick posted:

Kathy, Emalie, Michael, Aaron, Jake and Colton, Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers! Tony was a great person and will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him! Doug, Teresa, Breann and Kristen Barnick

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Anthony by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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