



Gary Prout

February 21, 1954 - May 27, 2026

Gary Prout, age 72 years, a resident of rural Tunnel Hill, Illinois, passed away Wednesday morning, May 27, 2026, at his residence.

Gary was born February 21, 1954 in Lawrenceville, Illinois. He was the son of Howard A. Prout, Jr. and Shirley A. (Stallard) Prout

He is survived by: his son – Trent Prout of Dongola, Illinois; grandchildren – Matthew (Katie) Prout of Dongola, Illinois, Mackenzie (Alex) Kranawetter of Fruitland, Missouri, and Mackenna Prout of Dongola, Illinois; his former daughter-in-law – Shannon Prout of Dongola, Illinois; a brother – Mark (Sara) Prout of Florida; a sister – Cheryl Walker; his longtime girlfriend – Qin Wang of Quangzhou, China; as well as his faithful feline companions.

In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by a sister – Victoria Field.

Gary was an honorably discharged U.S. Navy veteran. He had worked in the technology field and traveled internationally to install computer systems. His keen insight and knowledge of computers and programming enabled him to build functional robots. He also enjoyed amateur (ham) radio.

A private celebration of Gary's life will be held.

For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to St. Francis Care (animal shelter), 6228 Country Club Road, Murphysboro, Illinois 62966 or by donating online at www.stfrancis-care.org