



Ralph "Butch" M. Nieken Jr.

February 1, 1947 - April 18, 2023

Ralph "Butch" M. Nieken Jr., 76, of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away on April 18, 2023, at Franciscan Health Crown Point. Butch was born in Steger, IL, on February 1, 1947, the son of Ralph Sr. and Naomi (Croxston) Nieken. He moved to Indiana in 1984 and raised his family here.

Butch worked as an auto mechanic at Cliff's Auto Repair in Steger, IL, for fourteen years before retiring in 2011. Formerly, he worked in construction for Dobson Builders for four years. Butch was an avid hunter and fisherman in his spare time.

Butch is survived by his children, Amanda (Cary) Claussen of Rensselaer, IN, Dan Nieken of Rensselaer, IN; four grandchildren, Legacy Claussen, Naomi Claussen, Sloan Claussen, Layne Claussen; brother-in-law, Clifford Meyers of Manteno, IL; nephew, Christopher Meyers; former wife and mother of his children, Joan (Zych) Yount.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Charles Palmer; sister, Nancy Meyers.

No services will be held at this time. Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Butch was such a sweet person. He reminded me of my grandfather. I knew him from coming into the dollar store where I worked and also would talk to him when my daughter had softball practice. It was always a joy when he stopped by my house just to talk and he ask how my kids were doing. Softball practice will not be the same without him to talk to. Rip Butch until we meet agian. Jessa* ”



Jessa M Burkhart - April 19, 2023 at 01:28 PM

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“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Butch" M. Nieken Jr.* ”



Martha Langley - April 18, 2023 at 04:54 PM