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**Walter John Renken Jr.**

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Walter John Renken Jr., 72, of Alton, passed away unexpectedly after a brief illness at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2019, at Alton Memorial Hospital with his family by his side.

Born October 30, 1946, in Alton, he was the son of Walter John and Harriett (Black) Renken. Mr. Renken retired from the Alton Telegraph as a night production manager on June 7, 2013. On April 1, 1981, he married the former Margaret E. Bierbaum in Alton. She survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Martha (Alex) Pfister of Chicago; three sons, Scott (Linda) Renken of Oakville, Mo., John (Jessica) Renken of Ballwin, Mo., and Kenny Renken of Creve Coeur, Mo.; 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three sisters, Harriette (David) Schmick of Salisbury, Md., and Tammy Hatcher of Godfrey, who was the fiancée of his son Thomas, who preceded him in death.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Thomas Renken, and a brother, Bill Renken.

He was employed at Olin Brass in East Alton for 30 years as a slitter operator.

He is survived by brothers, Robert Weathers of Granite City, Chris (his fiancée, Monica Warren) of Troy and Daniel (Jennifer) Weathers

of Granite City; nieces and nephews, Alexis, Ryan Paul, Jordan, Madysen, Morgan, and Landon; aunts and uncle, Linda Hobson, and Lois and Les Throop; along with many cousins.

The Granite City North Class of 1977 graduate had a big heart and loved fishing. More than anything, he loved the St. Louis Blues and Cardinals teams. Billy was a fanatic when it came to sports. He could quote names. Go Blues! He was also an avid KSHE 95 listener.

Survivors include two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Thomas and Jane Baetz of West Bend, Wis., Andrew Baetz of Two Rivers, Wis., and Sharon Baetz of Two Rivers, Wis.; one niece, Kirsten.

Walter was a kind and generous soul who will be greatly missed. Visitation and memorial service were Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Godfrey. Rev. Jerry McCaskey officiated. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Hope Rescue Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 397, Godfrey, IL 62035. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at gentfuneralhome.com.

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