

Gary James Champion

November 15, 1943

July 29, 2021

Rockford, IL (77)



Gary James Champion, 77, of Rockford passed away peacefully July 29, 2021 in his home surrounded by his family. He was born November 15, 1943, to Henry Wilson and Elma Wilma (Block) Champion. Gary attended Rockford schools, graduating with the West High School Class of 1961. He married Rockford's Marilynn L. Goodin on May 21, 1966.

Gary retired as a supervisor from Ingersoll Milling Machine Company after 56 years. A member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Gary enjoyed fishing, NASCAR, the Chicago Cubs

and the Greenbay Packers. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include children, Brad (Barb) Champion, Brian (Jamie) Champion, Elizabeth Johnson, Jennifer (Michael) Champion; grandchildren, Dakota, Cheyenne, Reid, Lauren, Darius, Deantae, Darisha, Michael, Evan, Noah, Abigail; great grandchildren, Dereon, Charles, Janyrius, D'Anylah, Zarious; siblings, Terry (Judy) Champion, Denny (Marie) Champion; Janice (Paul) Hoffman, Shelly (David) Keding, Randy (Chris) Champion; step grandchildren, Michelle, David; and significant other, Mary Erlandson. Gary was predeceased by the love of his life, his wife, Marilynn and three (3) brothers, Ronnie, Larry and Jack.

A memorial service will be held at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 4, 2021, in Honquest Family Funeral Home with Crematory – Mulford Chapel, 4311 N. Mulford Road, Loves Park with visitation from 4:00 p.m. until time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Marilynn Goodin Champion Nursing Scholarship at Rock Valley College, 3301 N. Mulford Road, Rockford, IL 61114.

References:

[Gary Champion Obituary \(1943 - 2021\) | Rockford, Illinois \(echovita.com\)](#)

[Obituary for Gary James Champion | Honquest Family Funeral Homes \(honquestfh.com\)](#)