



Wayne Darryl "Moon" Gendreau

December 31, 1969 - July 10, 2013

Wayne Darryl "Moon" Gendreau, age 72 of Savanna, Illinois, died on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at Big Meadows Nursing Home, Savanna. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Savanna. Burial will take place in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Savanna. A visitation will be held from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m., prior to the service at the Funeral Home. In Moon's memory, memorials may be given to an Alzheimer's or Dementia Charity of the donor's choice.

Moon was born on September 26, 1940, the son of Eugene and Anne (Miller) Gendreau in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Moon was raised in Rockford, Illinois and married Mary Ellen Ford on June 22, 1962 in Rockford. Mary died on November 26, 1999 in Savanna.

Moon enjoyed sales and traveling across the country on a moments notice. He operated a gumball and vending machine route in the Rockford area for many years. He and his family moved to Savanna in 1966. Moon sold his vending route and opened a game/recreation room in Savanna, where he had a large coin operated slot car track. In 1971, Moon purchased Blanding's Landing in Hanover, Illinois and in the last few years he changed the name to River Road Escape. Moon loved to cruise around the country and take business road trips with his brother, Steven. He also enjoyed spending time watching people and motorcycles in front of his brother Jerry's tavern, Iron Horse Social Club, Savanna.

Moon will be dearly missed by his daughter, Michelle (Dennis) DeBarre of

Geneseo, Illinois; two grandchildren, Demi and Alexander DeBarre; and two brothers, Jerry (Vicky) Gendreau of Savanna and Steven (Connie) Gendreau of Sabula. Moon was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Mary.

Tribute Wall



“ Wayne Darryl "Moon" Gendreau

January 28, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ Wayne Darryl "Moon" Gendreau

January 28, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ My brother loved the simple things of life. What made his day was a car, a full tank of gas, and a destination. He had the gift of making friends where ever he went. The greatest lesson I learned from Moon was don't get so busy with life you forget to live it. Love you much brother! You will be missed by many.

Steve Gendreau - July 17, 2013 at 10:07 PM



“ Dear Gendreau Family, "Moon" was just one of those lovable guys that you always wanted to hug. His stories were facinating. He always had wisdom to add to the conversation. I am sorry for your loss.

Freddie Preston - July 17, 2013 at 11:25 AM

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“ I have known Moon for 47 years, what a good guy. His tales about life experiences were extremely interesting especially when told with his positive attitude which included a touch of humor, he will be missed!

Also, I would personally like to thank Moon"s brothers Jerry and Steve for allowing him to live out his life at home with dignity. Amen brothers!!

Herman Bowman

Herman Bowman - July 17, 2013 at 09:22 AM

NJ

“ Michelle, I know you don't remember me but I knew both your mom and dad. We spent many summers at Blandings and hanging out in the "rec room". He always had a smile and he could tell some awesome stories. He will be missed. My condolences to you and your family.

nelson, jackie - July 16, 2013 at 09:13 PM

CH

“ I feel privileged to have briefly known Moon; a very unique and distinct man, not unlike the stars above. Please accept my condolence, to the entire Gendreau Family.

Chris Harrison - July 16, 2013 at 10:57 AM