

Thomas R. Gray

November 24, 1942 (Rockford) June 20, 2023 (Rockford)

Thomas “Tom” R. Gray, 80, of Rockford, passed away on June 20, 2023. He was born on November 24, 1942, in Rockford, the son of Clarence and Ellen (McKinley) Gray. Tom, who graduated mid-term from West High School in 1960, is listed on the Commencement Program for the Class of 1961. Tom married Georgia Try on September 10, 1965, in Rockford, and she preceded him in death on January 3, 2012. He worked as a Teamster Union Truck Driver in the local Rockford area. After retirement he worked for Hack’s Auction, where he enjoyed buying yard sticks and \$1 junk boxes. He had a passion for old cars and motorcycles and enjoyed driving anywhere. Tom was known for his sense of humor, integrity, and historical memory. He was a loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather.



Tom is survived by his children, Sandy (Joel) Kleckler, Kathy (Chris) Burch, and Tom (Jamie) Gray; grandchildren, Craig (Alicia), Sarah (Matt), Keith, Karleen (Tyler), James (Trisha), Brody, and Audrey; 7 great grandchildren; sister, Carol Gray; and friend, Marge. He is predeceased by his parents; wife, Georgia; son, Steve; sister, Dolly Miller; and brother, William “Bill” Gray. The family would like to give a special thank you to the staff at Amberwood Care Centre.



Private family services will be held later. Please share memories and condolences online at www.fitzgeraldfh.com.

References: Posted online on June 21, 2023, *Rockford Register Star*, <https://www.rrstar.com/obituaries/pils0513076>