



Peter R. Bechtold

July 1, 1943 - September 24, 2022

Peter Raymond Bechtold was born July 1, 1943 and adopted into the loving family

of Helen and Raymond Bechtold from Bradford, Illinois at age five. From them, he inherited his love of farming, which stayed with him throughout his life. In high school, he met the love of his life, Lynne, and married her on March 19, 1967. They enjoyed fifty-five years together. Peter's biggest accomplishment began, however, when they welcomed their two daughters, Rachel and Rebeccah. He was a devoted, steadfast father, always proud of their achievements, present when they needed him most, and ready for fun—from scaring the dickens out of them to sled rides in the snow (“watch out for the jerk”). He was a gentle man, always caring for animals, helping his neighbors, and tending gardens; he enjoyed taking fishing trips with his friend, Jamie Cole, and playing cards. Later in life, he loved nothing more than sitting in the garage, smoking his pipe, and sharing memories of “his girls” with anyone who'd listen.

He passed peacefully

on September 24, 2022 in Joplin, Missouri. He is survived by his wife, Lynne (Parker) Bechtold; two daughters, Rachel Bechtold and Rebeccah Bechtold; one grandchild, Parker Bechtold; and two sons-in-law, Marc Daczewitz and

Dan Colson. He was preceded in death by both parents.

Pete's loss to the Bechtold family is immeasurable. But they will try to carry on his legacy of kindness, humor, and love as he would wish.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Pete was so loved by his family and friends. Our hearts are with Lynne and the rest of the family.
Love Clark, Joni, Lily, and Joe*

Joan Simpson - September 28, 2022 at 10:06 AM