



## Howard Wayne Staley

March 11, 1944 - March 17, 2024

Howard Wayne Staley, 80, of Mt. Vernon, passed away at 5:54 a.m. Sunday, March 17, 2024, at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

He was born March 11, 1944, in Mt. Vernon, the son of Orie and Edith (Scott) Staley. On May 26, 1962, in Mt. Vernon, he married Phyllis Aline Scott, and she survives.

He loved farming, and raising his Black Angus cattle. He also enjoyed crappie fishing and camping, and growing a garden. He served in the Illinois National Guard, and later worked for many years at Precision, then National Railway Equipment, in Mt. Vernon.

In addition to his wife, Phyllis Staley of Mt. Vernon, he is survived by children, Howard Wayne Staley, Jr., and wife Jill of Mt. Vernon, Tammy Jo Smith and husband Woody of Mt. Vernon, Thaddeus Scott Staley and wife Sarah of Mt. Vernon, Emily Aline Taskoski and husband Ron of Jonesboro, Arkansas; grandchildren, Joshua Smith and wife Jamie of Dix, Kaleb Smith and wife Erika of Glen Carbon, Illinois, Elijah Smith and wife Marlene of Sesser, Illinois, Matthew Staley and wife Jade of Wayne City, Illinois, Melody Gallo and husband Andrew of Dix, Seth Staley of Mt. Vernon, Dagny Taskoski of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Hannah McKinney of Mt. Vernon; great-grandchildren, Rhett, Aubrey, and Jerritt Staley, Calvin, Elaina, Emilia,

Penelope, Oren, and Abram Smith; brother, Ivan Staley and wife Frances of Mt. Vernon; sisters-in-law Pat Staley of Mt. Vernon, and Reva French of Mt. Vernon; brothers-in-law Roger Scott of Mt. Vernon, and Tommy Scott of Mt. Vernon; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Whitney Elizabeth Smith; brothers, Elmer Staley, Harry Staley, and Bob Staley; and sister, Eloise Pakish.

A private graveside service for Mr. Staley will be held, with burial immediately following, at East Salem Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and will be accepted by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at [www.osbornfuneral.com](http://www.osbornfuneral.com), or on the funeral home's Facebook page.

# Cemetery Details

## East Salem Cemetery

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ Howard was my supervisor at NRE for several years up until he retired and was always in a good mood. He was a great man to work for. Sorry for the families loss and prayers will go out for you all.

Larry Drew - March 19, 2024 at 07:06 AM

MD

“ Maysoon Dahabreh purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Howard Wayne Staley.



Maysoon Dahabreh - March 18, 2024 at 10:04 PM

JM

“ He loved his family. The world lost a wonderful man. But God gained an Angel.



Jess (Cooper) Martin - March 17, 2024 at 11:55 PM

KM

“ *Krys and Mic purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Howard Wayne Staley.*



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**Krys and Mic** - March 17, 2024 at 05:57 PM