



# Jeffrey L. Brownfield

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## **Jeffrey L. Brownfield**

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**J**effrey L. Brownfield, 67, of Decatur passed away on Saturday January 7, 2017 in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Jeff was born on May 19, 1949 in Champaign, IL the son of Roy and Corlyne (Pendleton) Brownfield. He retired from Illinois Central Gulf Railroad and Amtrack. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He married Elaine Yuras on October 11, 1974 in Danville, IL. Jeff also enjoyed classic cars, always had a project, and remodeling.

Surviving are his wife, Elaine; sons, Roy Alexander Brownfield (Dawn) of Tupelo, MS; Aaron L. Brownfield (Melissa Thomas) of Warrensburg; Nicholas D. Brownfield of Clinton; daughter, Kimberly Finney (Sandy) of Ziegler; brothers, Ronnie Brownfield (Marsha) of Bloomington; Dennis Brownfield of Columbia, MO; Lloyd Brownfield of California; sister, Pamela Bohlen Ham (Billy) of Marion; grandchildren, Kylee Brownfield of Tupelo; Roderick L. Brownfield of Warrensburg; Courtney Thomas of Warrensburg; Cody Thomas of Warrensburg; Chloe Thomas of Warrensburg; great-grandson Kamden Brittan Rees of Clinton; and a grand-dog, Skeeter Brownfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter, Brittany Lynn Rees. Funeral service to celebrate Jeff's life will be 11 AM Friday, January 13, 2017 in Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 10-11 AM Friday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or donor's choice.

The family of Jeffrey L. Brownfield is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. Send condolences to the family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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GB

**Gloria Blackwell** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers for your family during this difficult time. Jeff was always fun to sit and visit with. He always had that little sparkle of mischief in his eyes! Just cherish those memories to help you through your loss. Jerry & Gloria Blackwell

January 13 at 3:23 AM

RB

**Ronnie Brownfield--Brother** posted:

I learned how to drive my uncle Cliff;s 1949 Ford. several years later I had bought 2 of them. one had 2 carb;s an duel pipes." ... uncle Ronnie(car buff also)

January 12 at 6:35 AM

DB

**Dawn Brownfield** posted:

I had the great honor to know Jeff for over 25 years. He accepted me into his great family with open arms. He always had a smile on his face, a buttoned up collared shirt on, and a cap on his head. He never knew a stranger and was very easy to talk to. He always had at least one project going at all times and would lend a hand to anyone that needed help. He was the best father in law that I could have asked for and created great memories with his granddaughter Kylee. His passion for automobiles will live on through his sons. His love for his family was evident and his warm smile will be greatly missed. Gone too soon there will always be a place in my heart for you. Love your Daughter in law: Dawn

January 11 at 7:22 AM

RW

**Randy Wills** posted:

Our thoughts are with you at this time. Condolences to the family, children and grandchildren. Fondly, Randy and Judy Wills and family

January 11 at 5:58 AM

TR

**Teresa Roethe** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey L. Brownfield

January 9 at 3:45 PM



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RK

**Rhonda (((Kitt)))** posted:

I can't share a memory with you with u jeff but I can for pam my heart goes out to you all at this sorrowful time as I hold my hand on my heart and I wish I could of met you may u rip handsome man my sincere condolences to you all blessed be

January 9 at 3:26 PM

PH

**Pam Bohlen Richmond-Ham** posted:

Jeff was a wonderful brother when I was growing up. I remember times he would let me drive his "hotrods" as he would call them, around town through Steak n Shake – Dog N Suds and up and down Main St. also known as the "gag" route. He had an old Studebaker in the back yard that I spent many hours in pretending to be the best driver in the world, course it didn't run, but I learned how to shift gears and use a clutch (I probably grinded the clutch down to nothing, if it did run, after all I didn't have my license yet). He was an awesome man, who will be missed by so many. I love ya bro, give Mom a tight hug for me and tell her I love and miss her terribly. I'm so going to miss how you would always tell me how I sounded and looked just like her. I love you!

January 9 at 1:30 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Jeffrey by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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