



# Steven O. Davis

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**S**teven O. Davis, 65, of Buffalo formally of Decatur, passed away on Wednesday September 23, 2015, at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield.

Steven was born November 5, 1949 in, Decatur, IL., the son of H. K. and Phyllis (Gilliland) Davis . He was previously employed with AT&T for over thirty years. He was a member of Illinois Live Steamers. He enjoyed caring for his cat family, Illini sports, trains, and most of all, building miniature live steam engine trains in Dawson with his brother Gene “Kenneth”. He married his soul mate, Shelby Pearson on May 15, 1984 in Hannibal, MO.

He leaves behind his wife, Shelby Davis of Buffalo; father, H.K. Davis of Moweaqua, IL; son, Michael (Tedra) Davis of Urbana, IL; daughter, Lori (David) Lyons of Decatur, IL; stepsons, Michael (Marie) O’Brien of Mt. Auburn, IL., Troy O’Brien of Denver, CO; stepdaughter, Crystal McClure of Springfield, IL; brother, Kenneth E. (Karen) Davis of Decatur, IL; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and his cat family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis Davis.

Services to celebrate Steven’s life will be 4:00 pm Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home with the “Flight Home” ceremony to conclude the service. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the medical staff at Memorial Medical Center, cardiac ICU for all the care and compassion during this difficult time.

The family of Steven Davis is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Ed Painter** posted:

We are so sorry to hear about Steve's passing, we were out of town. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Ed and Sue Painter

September 27 at 3:02 AM

JR

**John Rekesius** posted:

I first met Steve in June of 2000 at the Bud Titus Memorial Run at Kenny's. I was introduced to all the guys who enjoy building and running small scale steam locomotives and little did I know that this group of guys would become a second family and the machine shop a second home to me. I knew Steve as a man of few words, but when he chose to speak... you always learned something. Steve was a true friend in every sense of the word... he was my buddy. He never got worked up about much, was always ready to lend a helping hand and lend some advice... even if it was "builder's choice." He had a warm, gentle, and kind hearted character that you couldn't help but like, a real gentleman. Steve was much more than just a friend to me... he was and is someone to whom I look up to and will always admire for the rest of my life. Even though he may not be at the machine shop on Saturday evenings any more, he lives on in my heart... giving a few words of wisdom from time to time and also reminding me that in the end, it turns out that Perfect is Best! ... and not to worry because it'll be done in two weeks! My deepest sympathy goes out to the Davis family. The world lost a truly great man! John Rekesius

September 24 at 2:40 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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